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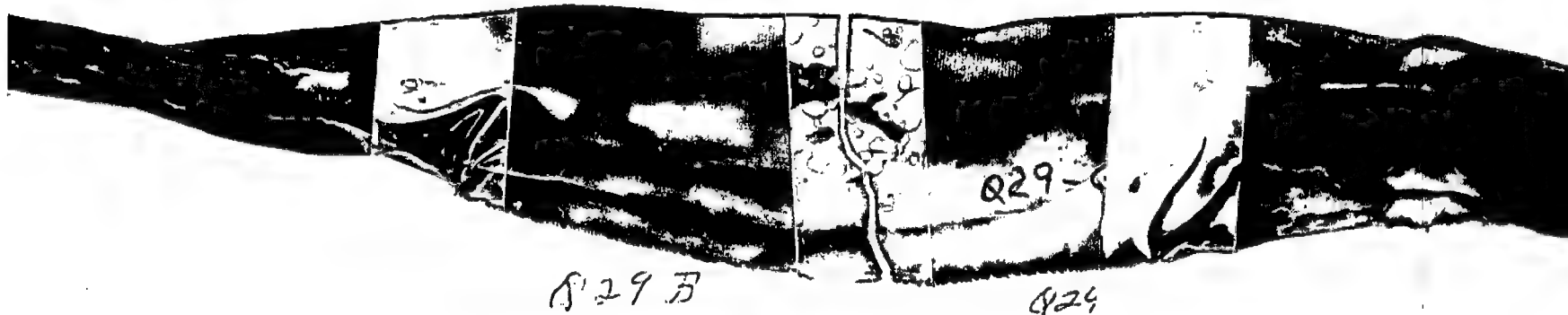
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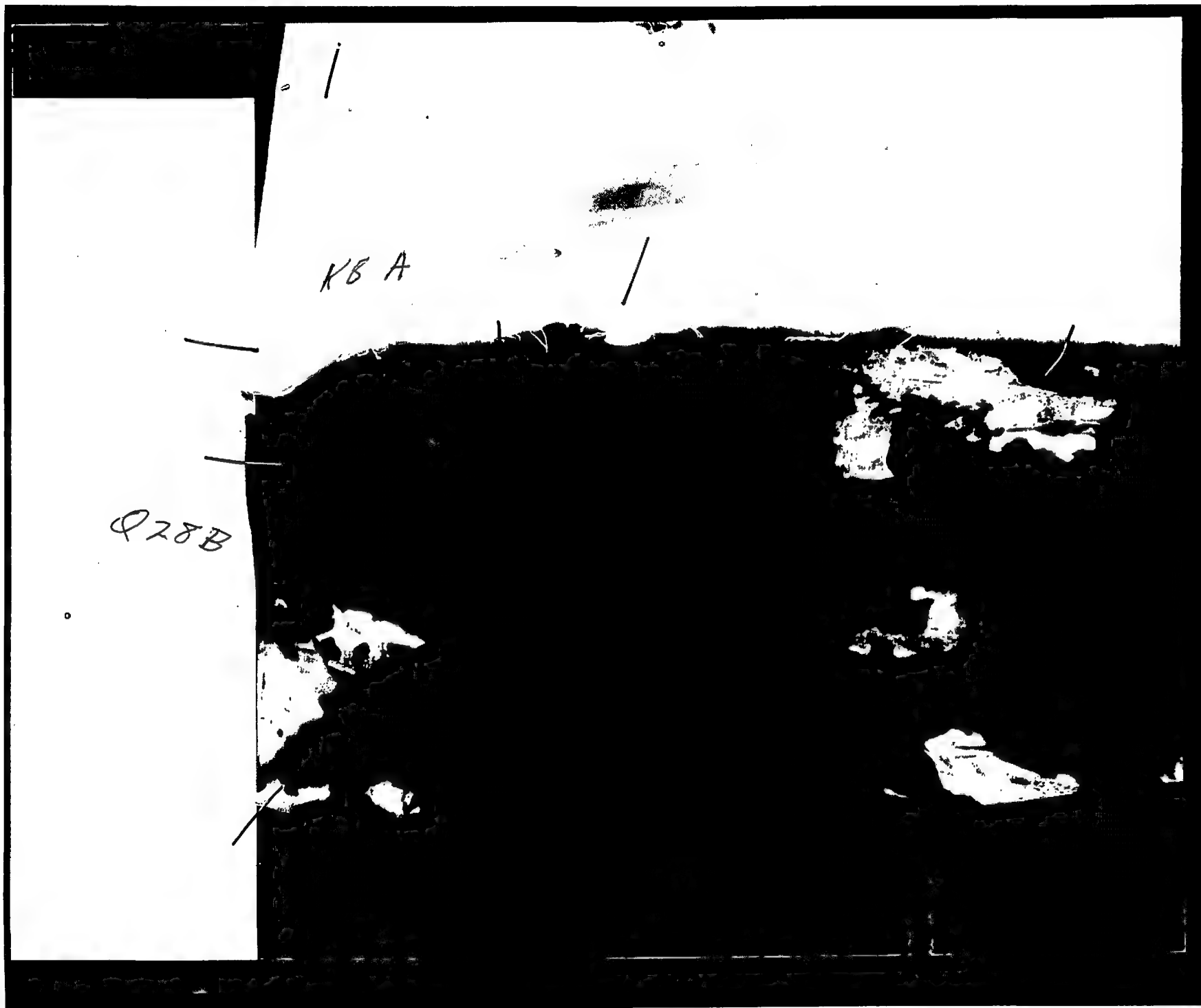
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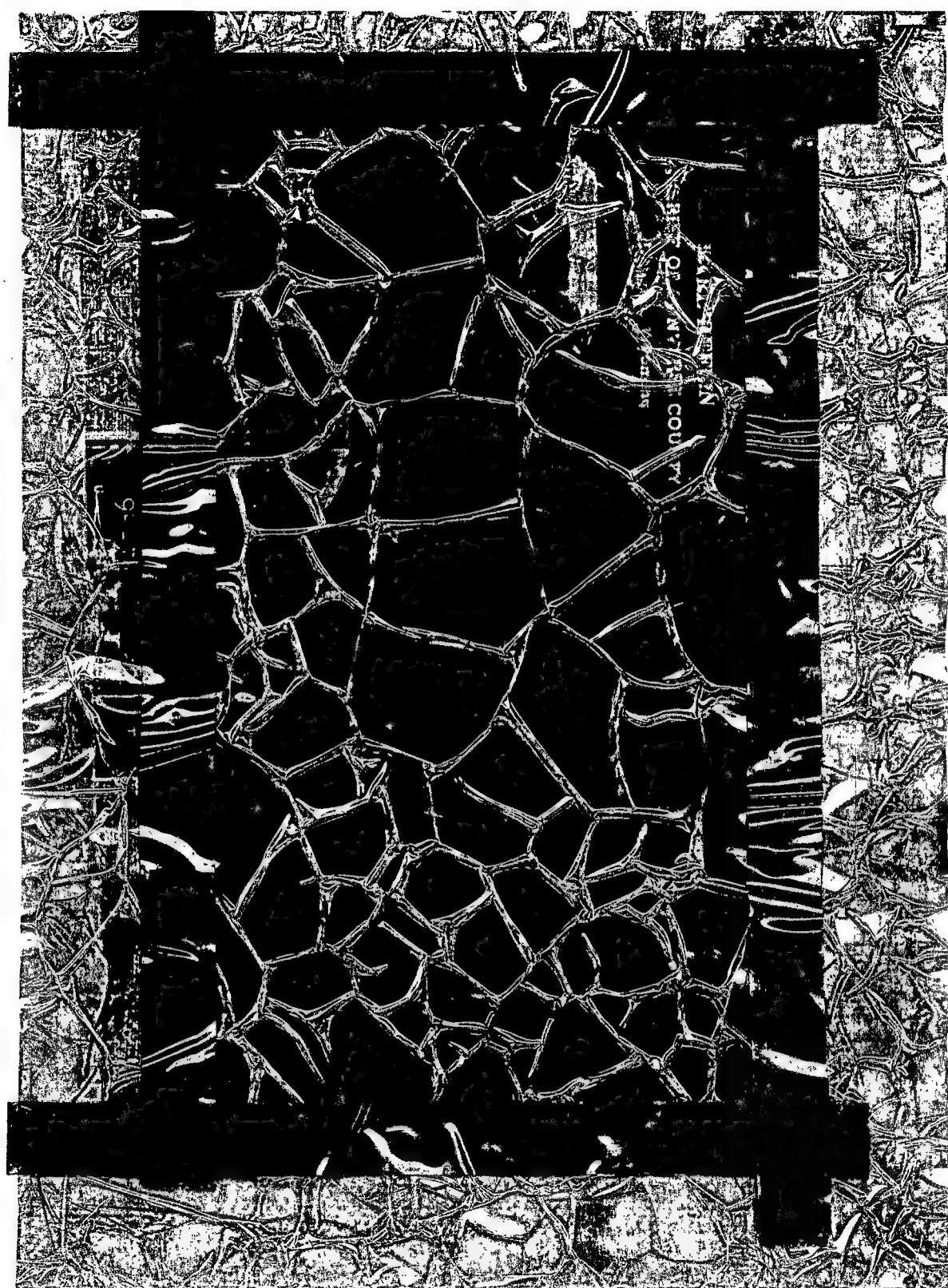
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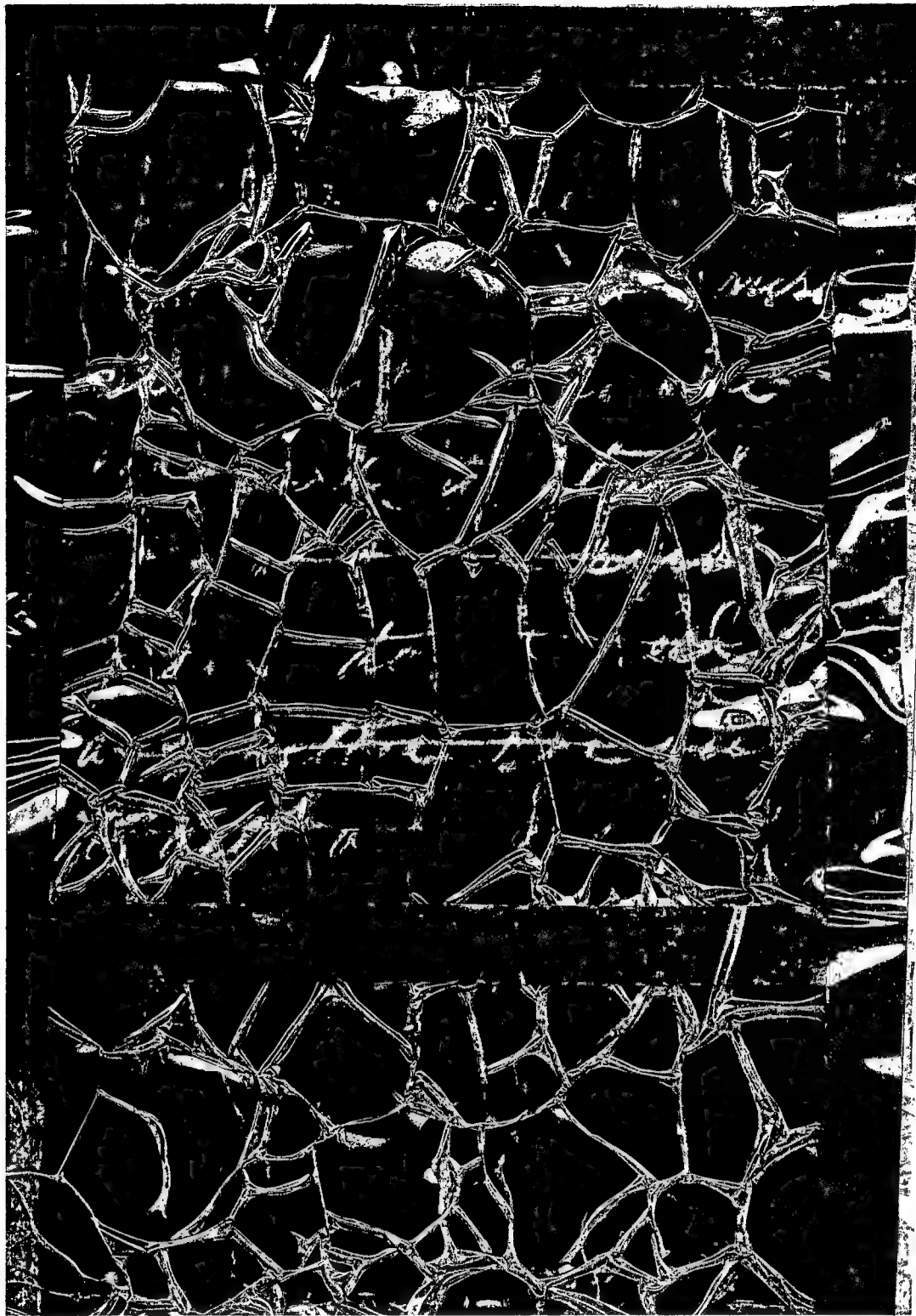
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—Doctor To Testify Again Today—

# Defense May Seek Introduction Of All Slaying Statements

## Starkweather Counsel May Try; Move Opposed By Prosecutor

By Del Harding

Written statements which murder defendant Charles Starkweather gave authorities concerning other crimes than the Robert Jensen death may be the subject of a court fight late this week over whether they will be admitted into evidence at his trial for the Jensen murder, The Star learned Sunday.

The second week of Starkweather's trial on first degree murder and murder while in the perpetration of a robbery charges in the death of the 17-year-old Bennet youth begins Monday in Lancaster District Court.

Co. Atty. Elmer Scheele reportedly wants to limit as much as possibly any mention at this trial of the 10 other killings in which the 19-year-old redhead has admitted involvement.

But defense attorneys T. Clement Gaughan and William F. Matschullat are said to believe that to effectively back their contention that Starkweather is "legally insane" they must have copies of the statements he gave detailing other murders introduced at this trial.

### 'Considering' Move

Asked for comment on the report Sunday, Gaughan said the defense is "considering" the attempt to have the other statements admitted, but declined to specify which crimes they would deal with.

At any rate the subject is not expected to come up until late this week or early next week, when the defense is presenting its case.

Dr. E. D. Zeman of Lincoln,

who performed the post-mortem examination of Jensen's body, will continue his testimony when court resumes at 9 a.m. Monday before Judge Harry A. Spencer. Starkweather's case is being heard by a jury of 8 women and 4 men.

### FBI Testimony

Another state's witness Monday will be FBI laboratory technician Robert Zimmers, who examined evidence in the case which was sent to the FBI's Washington, D.C., headquarters.

Scheele is expected to conclude his case by late Tuesday afternoon or early Wednesday morning, and then the defense will take over. Scheele Friday used 15 of the 28 witnesses he had said he would call.

Gaughan and Matschullat have said they will call about 15 witnesses, including the redheaded defendant himself. Gaughan said Starkweather will probably be on the witness stand "for the better part of the day."

The youth will be called, Gaughan said, after several other members of his family have testified but before 2 psychiatrists and a psychologist are called. A plea of "innocent by reason of insanity" has been entered by his attorneys for Starkweather, and Gaughan said last week that the youth was "suffering from delusion" and therefore was legally insane when he shot Jensen.

### Full 3 Weeks

Gaughan said he still believes the trial will last a full 3 weeks, which would run it until May 23.

Highlights of this week's court action will be:

1—Scheele's reading of segments of the Starkweather statement dealing with the Jensen death to the jury (although no startling new facts about the case are expected to be contained in it).

2—The testimony of County Sheriff Merle Karnopp and Lincoln Police Det. Lt. E. R. Henninger, who both have interviewed Starkweather extensively.

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# Defense Attorneys 'Going Too Far,' Says Mrs. Starkweather

By Nancy Benjamin

Mrs. Guy Starkweather put her head in her hands Monday in an effort to blot out the chain of testimony which pointed out the trail of murders to which her son has confessed.

But a more important worry to Mrs. Starkweather and one that made her eyes spark with anger several times during Monday's testimony was cross examination by defense attorney T. Clement Gaughan to point out the "lack of remorse" which Charles Starkweather showed after his capture and during taking of his confession statement.

"A person doesn't have to show their emotions to feel them," she explained, "and Charlie was always like that. He only showed when he was mad."

Mrs. Starkweather, who will take the stand herself in her son's defense, stated she thought the defense attorneys "are going too far" in trying to prove her son insane.

She explained that she and her husband had given the names of Charles' friends so that they could be asked to testify to his character but that defense attorneys had talked to only a few of them, and rejected these as witnesses.

"They (Gaughan and William Matschullat) told me that they would not use the boys and girls as witnesses because they were as dumb as Charlie," she said, "and did you

hear them say he was just a point or two above an idiot?" she asked irately.

One boy whom the defense attorney questioned and asked to testify, refused, she said, because the attorney wanted him to say "Charlie was a little boy . . . played little boys' games, and had queer ideas." The boy wouldn't do it, she explained, "because it just wasn't so."

Asked if she could testify to the "delusions" which Gaughan and Matschullat mentioned that Charles Starkweather had "for several years," Mrs. Starkweather said "no."

The tiny woman, holding up under the court sessions

by sheer will power, said she thought "it sounded more like Charlie" when the letter was read which he had written to her and her husband after his capture in Wyoming.

"There he says he is sorry," she pointed out. "And he shows he is worried about the family."

During court sessions Monday the red-haired woman held several whispered conversations with her son, but not about the trial proceedings.

"I have to get him some shoes," she explained, "he says the ones he has are too small and hurt him." She left the trial at the afternoon recess to buy them.

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He told me to tell Charlie that he'd see him next year," she said. "I must remember to tell Charlie that."

"I told Bob that Charlie might not be around then," but, she explained, he was sure that Charlie would be.

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## 30 Exhibits

A total of 30 exhibits have now been received in evidence in the trial, which will begin its 7th day Tuesday. These include bullets removed from Jensen's head and the .22 rifle allegedly used to kill him (which reportedly was stolen from farmer August Meyer of Bennet, one of the victims). Two Wyoming lawmen,

## Used At Trial

Sheriff Earl Heflin of Douglas and Dep. Sheriff William Romer of Casper, testified Monday. Heflin told of how he and Douglas Police Chief Robert Ainslie chased Starkweather at 115 mph and finally took him into custody about 3½ miles east of Douglas Jan. 29.

Heflin said Starkweather just suddenly stopped in the middle of the road and got out after he (Heflin) had been firing at him with a .38 pistol and a 30-30 rifle (a piece of flying glass had nicked Starkweather's ear but he was not shot). He said Starkweather told him that "I'da hit somebody headon anyhow," an apparent reference to the high-speed chase.

Gaughan asked Heflin if Starkweather at any time seemed to realize the " enormity " of the acts he was alleged to have committed. In the morning Heflin answered "no," that he did not, but he reversed himself upon further questioning by Scheele in the afternoon and said that Starkweather did seem to realize what he had done. The sheriff said Starkweather showed no remorse, but said he did not think this unusual for a killer.

## Tells Of Caril

Romer told how Caril Fugate ran up to him about 14 miles west of Douglas, where he had stopped his car when he saw 2 men (Starkweather and Joseph Sprinkle of Casper) wrestling for a rifle. He said Caril ran to him and said Starkweather had just killed a man (Merle Collison of Great Falls, Mont.) and that he (Romer) then radioed ahead for a road block to halt Starkweather, who had driven off at high speed. He also told of recovering a .22 rifle (used to kill Jensen) from the site where he came upon Starkweather.

## Other witnesses who testified Monday and a brief summary of their testimony:

Robert Zimmers, FBI ballistics expert of Washington, D. C., testified that the .22 rifle sent him for examination was the weapon from which several .22 bullets he also examined had been fired. (The gun was recovered in Wyoming, the bullets from Jensen's body.)

Louis Meyer of Bennet, brother of the slain August Meyer — identified the .22 pump rifle recovered by Romer in Wyoming as having belonged to his brother.

Elmer Shamburg of Lincoln, freelance court reporter who took down Starkweather's statements — told of taking the statements and said that they were given freely, voluntarily and without the use of any threats or promises from Starkweather at the State Penitentiary.

E. R. Henninger, local police detective — also said the statements, which he witnessed, were gotten without any pressure on Starkweather.

Sheriff Merle Karnopp of Lincoln related how he found Jensen's broken wrist watch in the storm cellar east of Bennet where he was fatally shot. The watch was stopped at 9:07, he said. (Zimmers had stated that the watch stopped because of the crystal being smashed not because it ran down.)

Harold D. Smith, former Safety Patrol captain and now Men's Reformatory superintendent and Vernon Byler, present Safety Patrol captain — told of searching for and finding several empty .22

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Dep. Sheriff William D. Johnson of Lincoln — told of photos he took at the autopsy performed on Jensen's body, and of bringing back a seat cushion belonging to Jensen which was found in the car Starkweather was driving in Wyoming.

Dep. Sheriff Robert G. Anderson of Lincoln related how he searched Jensen's body at the hospital where the autopsy was performed and found his billfold, which contained a \$1 bill in a zipper compartment. (Jensen's father had earlier testified that his son had several dollars in his possession when he left home the night of Jan. 27.)

Dr. B. D. Zeman of Lincoln the pathologist who performed the autopsy — testified that he took a color slide showing the 6 bullet holes in Jensen's head near the right ear. The slide was projected on a screen for the jurors to view.

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EXPEDITE

95-74185-1 ✓

Re: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND  
[REDACTED] SUSPECTS  
MARION BARTLETT AND OTHERS,  
VICTIMS  
MURDER

File # [REDACTED]  
Lab. # PC-52134 FA BO

KARNOPP  
Mr. Merle C. Karnoff Asst. Chief of Police  
Sheriff of Lancaster County  
Lincoln, Nebraska (Let. 2/26/58)

Examination requested by:

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A) Micro. Date received: 3/4 re  
(Fibers) - Chem. Anal. (Bio. & Bio.) -  
Result of Examination: Miscellaneous - Document Examination by: [REDACTED]

Let 2-26-58 from Sheriff Karnopp submitting specimens Q1-Q29 and K1-K22  
Let 3-1-58 from Asst. Chief of Police Eugene H. Masters submitting spec Q, 30  
Let 3-12-58 " Sheriff Karnopp requesting names of specimens for  
endorsement on Writ of Information.

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 ~~Q1~~ ~~Q1~~ Rifle sight found at the east of the basement steps in  
C. Lauer Ward's home  
Q2 ~~Q10~~ ~~Q10~~ .22 caliber bullet found four steps from basement floor in  
C. Lauer Ward's home  
Q3 - Q11 .22 caliber bullet found in door casing of the living room  
at C. Lauer Ward's home  
Q4 Q12 .22 caliber ~~shell casing~~ <sup>cartridge case</sup> found on basement floor at foot  
of basement steps at C. Lauer Ward's home  
Q5 Q13 .22 caliber cartridge case found on the sixth step from the  
top of staircase of C. Lauer Ward's home  
Q6 Q14 .22 caliber cartridge case found on top landing of basement  
steps in C. Lauer Ward's home  
Q7 Q15 .22 caliber cartridge case found on floor just south of C.  
Lauer Ward's home head.  
Q8 Q16 Foreign substance taken from north wall of living room at the  
Bartlett home  
Q9 Q17 Foreign substance from east wall of the southwest bedroom at  
the Bartlett home  
Q10 Q18 .22 caliber cartridge case found in northwest bedroom at the  
Bartlett home  
Q11 Q19 Strips of cloth found under Mrs. Clara Ward's bed

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- Q12 Q20 Piece of .410 gauge shotgun barrel found on top of piano in Marion Bartlett's home
- Q13 Q21 .410 gauge fired shotgun shell from the yard of August Meyer's farm
- Q14 Q22 .22 caliber cartridge case found in kitchen of August Meyer's farm 1/23/58 <sup>farm house</sup>
- Q15 Q23 .22 caliber ~~cartridge case~~ <sup>bullet</sup> found in kitchen of August Meyer's farm 1/23/58 <sup>house</sup>
- Q16 Q24 Shot taken from the head of August Meyer at ~~Lincoln General Hospital~~
- Q17 Q25 Bullet removed from the head of Carol King at ~~St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1/23/58~~
- Q18 Q26 Bullet taken from the head of Robert Jensen at ~~St. Elizabeth's Hospital~~
- Q19 Q27 .22 caliber cartridge case found 30½" south, 26" east of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene
- Q20 Q28 .22 caliber cartridge case found 73" west, & 43½" south of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene
- Q21 Q29 Bullet taken from right lung of C. Lauer Ward at ~~Bryan Memorial Hospital~~
- Q22 Q30 Bullet ~~xx~~ taken from the head of C. Lauer Ward at ~~Bryan Memorial Hospital~~
- Q23 Q31 Letter removed from the person of Charles Starkweather at Douglas, Wyoming
- Q24 Q32 Notes found in the waste basket in the kitchen of C. Lauer Ward's home
- Q25 Q33 Cloth used as gag and to bind lower jaw of Lillian Fencel removed from body at ~~St. Elizabeth's Hospital~~
- Q26 Q34 Pieces of cloth used to bind the wrists of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at ~~St. Elizabeth's Hospital~~
- Q27 Q35 Pieces of cloth used in binding the ankles of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at ~~St. Elizabeth's Hospital~~
- Q28 Q36 Strips of cloth used to bind the hands of Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at ~~Bryan Memorial Hospital~~
- Q29 Q37 Strip of cloth used as gag on Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at ~~Bryan Memorial Hospital~~
- K1 ~~K13~~ .22 caliber J. C. Higgins bolt-action rifle, Model 1921 <sup>103.18, no serial number</sup>
- K2 ~~K14~~ .22 caliber Winchester pump rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590 <sup>action</sup>
- K3 ~~K15~~ .22 caliber Winchester pump-action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936
- K4 ~~K16~~ J. Stevens .410 gauge bolt-action shotgun, Model 59A, <sup>no serial number</sup>
- K5 ~~K17~~ Brass fireplace-stoker found in C. Lauer Ward's home
- K6 ~~K18~~ Black leather jacket, owned and worn by Charles Starkweather
- K7 ~~K19~~ Two pages of known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather
- K8 ~~K20~~ Bed sheet found in the C. Lauer Ward's home
- K9 ~~K21~~ Known handwriting of

K11- Boots worn by [redacted]

K10 K22 K19 Car coat worn by [redacted]  
K12 K23 ESS Black jeans worn by [redacted]  
K13 K24 ESS Belt worn by [redacted]  
K14 K25 ESS Wrist watch belonging to Robert Jensen  
K15 K26 ESS Sheffield V Wrist watch removed from the body of Carol King  
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K16 K27 Boots worn by Charles Starkweather  
K17 K28 Jeans worn by Charles Starkweather  
K18 K29 Chamois jacket worn by [redacted]  
K19 K30 Coat worn by Carol King, 1/28/58  
K20 K31 Jeans worn by Carol King  
K21 K32 Brassiere taken from the body of Carol King  
K22 K33 Panties taken from the body of Carol King

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Re: **CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND**  
**[REDACTED], SUSPECTS**  
**ROBERT JENSEN AND OTHERS, VICTIMS**  
**MURDER**

File # **95-74185-1**  
Lab. # **PC-52165 FA**

**Mr. Joseph T. Carroll**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

ATT: **Mr. E. H. Masters**  
**Asst. Chief of Police**  
**(Let. 3/1/58)**

Examination requested by:

Examination requested: **Firearms (G&A)**

Date received: **3/7 reg. mail**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **[REDACTED]**  
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Specimens submitted for examination

**Q30 Bullet removed from the brain of Robert Jensen**

*Q30 - label Q30 2 52165*

*label "2" on base when rec'd*

*22 cal. bullet.*

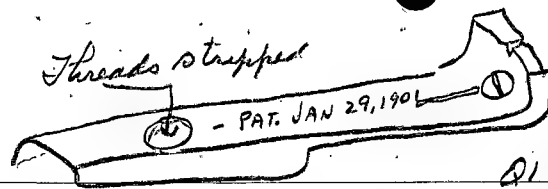
*4L + G rt.*

*ident 1C3*

*7/1/58*



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Q1 - Rifle Sight

Q1 is for a rifle of the type K2 + could have come from K2.

Q1 Engr scratched underneath for ident purposes.

screw head has reverse threads and bolt is wedge. Tightening screw

pulls sight &amp; wedge tight. Sight came off due to stripped threads then wedge is loose and free to fall out of sight.

No ident info. when read.

Q2 - Mutilated fragment of cal 22 L.R. bullet - incl Q2 - 2

.04	3.14
.07	628
.11	628
.6	6908
.66	

Prob 6 L &amp; G st.

incl Q2 - 52134

Not possible to deter bullet type.

No marks to permit identification.

Q3 - Mutilated fragment of lead - possibly from a bullet.

no genl rifling

incl Q3 - 52134

no inscrip marks.

No ident info. on spec when read.

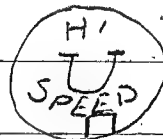
Not possible to deter committing type, caliber, type or particular weapon firing.

Wood fragments embedded in lead.

Q4 - 22 short cart. case

incl Q4 - 52134

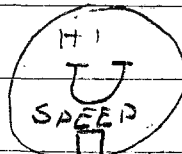
ident K2 - photoed



not incl. for ident. when read.

Q5 - 22 L or LR cart. case

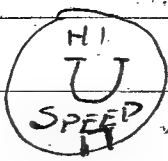
ident K2



not incl. for ident. when read.

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Q6 - 22 Low LR  
ident K2



Weld Q6 Z-52134

Not mtd. for  
ident when  
recd.

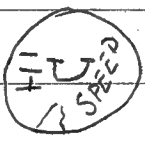
Q7 - 22 Low LR  
ident K2



Weld Q7 Z-52134

Not mtd. for  
ident when  
recd.

Q10 - 22 Low LR  
Blood present  
outside + inside open end

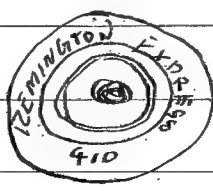


Weld Q10 - Z-52134

Not mtd. for  
ident when  
recd.

ident fired in K1 - photoed  
Q10 sp - same as K1 - no difference. no mts for ident on t.p.  
extractor mts ident.

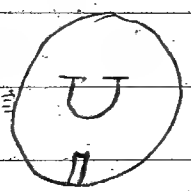
Q13 - 410 Remington Express  
jazz Shotgun shell  
ident K4 photoe  
f.p. imp.



Weld Q13 Z-52134

Not mtd. for  
ident when  
recd.

Q14 - 22 Low LR



Weld Q14 - Z-52134

Not mtd. for  
ident when  
recd.

ident K3

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Q15 - 22 long rifle bullet - ruled Q15 Z - 52134

not used for  
ident when ruled

fractured - no gent rifling  
no micro mks suitable for ident.

X  
can't tell ammo type  
can't tell type or particular weapon firing.

Q12 - Muzzle end of a 410 gauge shotgun barrel -  
ruled Q12 Z - 52134

not used for  
ident when  
ruled

Q12 ident cut from barrel of 410 gauge shotgun, K4

X

16" → 8 5/8" →

scratches on gun

muzzle end of barrel Q12

barrel run from existing barrel not sawed all way thru -

barrel through scratches broken off.

on part removed when in juxtaposition with break.

Q16 - 2 pcs. of shot -

1 mutilated - wt. - 1.88 grains

1 fairly round - diam measurable - wt. 1.89 grains

diam. of measurable shot averages

.108		
.107		
.108		
.109	#52.55	.119
.105	#62.0	.110
.106	#71.50	.098
.108		
.108		
.108		
.108		

Comp. in size to #6 shot.

wt. - making allowances for possible weight loss,  
evident on both pieces - similar to #6 shot.

shot in Robert Lee. : Robert, Va. Moore was #6 shot. shot 12/17/58  
shot report PC-522144  
to Lab. mks. 1075 am.

Q17 - 22 lead bullet - nose mushroomed back on base - Wld Q17 Z  
4 L & G rt. Wld suitable for ident. S-2134  
X ident K3 Wld "N" on base.

Q18 - base portion of 22 cal bullet  
caked with blood - 2 small lead fragments, likewise caked  
with blood. Blood removed from base portion with  
X saline. Wld "N" on base  
4 L & G rt - good marks - Wld Q18 Z S2134  
ident K3

Q19 22 Low L R cast case (HI TJ SPEED 17) Wld Q19 Z - S2134  
X ident K3 no ident. mks. when rec'd.

Q20 22 Low L R cast case (HI TJ SPEED 17) Wld Q20 Z - S2134  
X ident K3 no ident. mks. when rec'd.

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Q21 - base portion of a 22 cal lead bullet - covered with blood  
pc of lead covered with blood.

No ident. info  
when rec'd

blood on base portion removed in saline

Q21 sim K2 - absence of suff marks  
precludes  
possibilities of  
identification

6 L+G rt.

lead fragment has no marks - blood not removed.

Q22 - 22 LR bullet - mutilated & blood soaked

No ident. info  
when rec'd

6 L+G rt

whs Q22 2 - 52134

ident K2

Q30 - PC-52165FA

whs "2" outbase when rec'd.

whs Q30 2 - 52165

4 L+G rt

ident K3

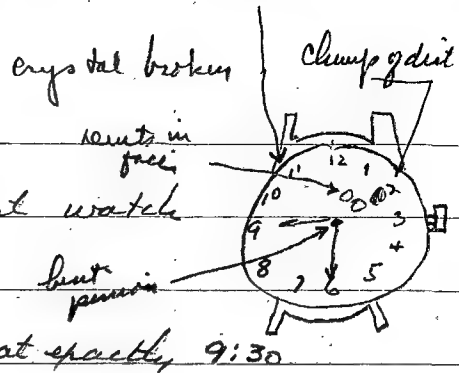
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Damaged case

K14 - Broadway - 17 jewels

Pneabloc - Swiss Movement

wrist watch



Since selected pinion is bent and in condition same. Sweep second hand missing.

as received, watch stopped running at instant pinion bent. Spring fully wound to within 3-4 hours running time. Watch dirty inside. Scratches on face located above winding gears but winding gears do not appear to have suffered damage. slit at 2 o'clock sufficient to stop minute hand.

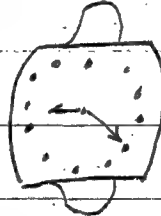
K15 - Sheffield

set at exactly 9:20

17 jewels

wrist watch -

same question as for K14



This watch completely ran down.

Was wound and set and ran continuously, keeping good time for 28 hours 35 hours.

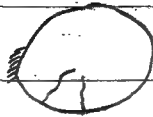
Set at 1:35 PM - fully wound for time check.

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K1- 22 cal J.C. Higgins bolt action rifle - Model 10318

very light trigger

6 L & G rt



idents - cart cases  
Q10

no ident MURF

K2- 22 cal Winchester pump-action rifle Model 1906, Ser<sup>#</sup> 600590

6 R -



idents - Q4

no ident MURF

Q5 } 7. P. imp.  
Q6 }  
Q7 }

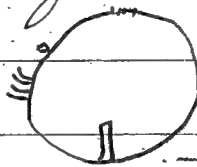
no prim rec. N.S.P.I.

sight missing.

Q1 could have come from this gun.

K3- 22 Cal. Winchester pump action rifle - Model 62A, Ser<sup>#</sup> 125936

4 L & G rt.



Bullet idents

no ident MURF

Q17, Q18, Q30

no prim rec N.S.P.I.

idents

Q14

Q19

Q20

} 7. P. imp.

extractor  
marks

K4- J. Stevens 410 gauge bolt action shotgun, Model 59A

ident Q13-photon

no ident MURF

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Refer to letter dated: 2-26-58  
3-1-58

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PC-52165 FA.

Report to: Mr. Mule C. Karnopp  
Sheriff of Lancaster County,  
Lincoln, Nebraska

cc Chief of Police  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Att. Mr. Eugene H. Masterson  
Asst. Chief of Police

The rifle sight, specimen Q1, is the type of sight assembled originally on .22 caliber Winchester rifles of the type represented by specimen K2. The sight of specimen K2 is missing and specimen Q1 could have come from this rifle.

The bullet specimen, Q2, found four steps from the basement floor in the C. Lauer Ward home is a mutilated fragment of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. Because of its mutilated condition, it was not possible to determine the type of bullet from which this fragment came. The absence of marks on the bullet's surface precludes the possibility of identifying the type or particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The bullet specimen, Q3, found in the door casing in the living room at the C. Lauer Ward home is also a mutilated fragment of a bullet. This specimen was likewise too mutilated to permit identification as to bullet type. There were no marks present to permit identification of the type or particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The cartridge case, Q4, found on the basement floor at the foot of the basement steps at the C. Lauer Ward home is a Remington caliber .22 short cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, serial # 600590, referred to above as spec K2.



The cartridge case, Q5, found on the sixth step from the top of the staircase at the C. Lauer Ward home is a <sup>Remington</sup> caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, serial # 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The cartridge case, Q6, found on the top landing of the basement steps at the C. Lauer Ward home is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, serial # 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The cartridge case, Q7, found on the floor just south of C. Lauer Ward's head, is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, serial # 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The cartridge case, Q10, found in the northwest bedroom at the Bartlett home is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 J. C. Higgins bolt action rifle, Model 103.18, referred to above as specimen K1.

The piece of shotgun barrel, Q12, found on top of the piano in the Marion Bartlett home, is the muzzle end,  $8\frac{5}{8}$ " long, of the barrel of a .410 gauge shotgun. This barrel section was identified as having been sawed from the barrel of the .410 gauge J. Stevens shotgun, Model 59 A,

referred to above as specimen K4.

The <sup>Remington</sup> 410 gauge fired shotgun shell, Q13, found in the yard of the August Meyers farm, was identified as having been fired in the 410 gauge J. Stevens shotgun, Model 59A, referred to above as specimen K4.

The cartridge case, Q14, found in the kitchen of the August Meyers farm house, is a Remington cal. 22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case from a round of ammunition that is unlike those rounds represented by any of the other cartridge cases examined. This cartridge case was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, serial # 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The bullet, Q15, found in the kitchen of the August Meyers farm house is a mutilated fragment of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. This specimen was too mutilated to permit identification of the type or particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The two pieces of shot, Q16, taken from the head of August Meyers are from a shotgun shell loaded with #6 shot. In this regard, <sup>by your office under cover of your letter dated Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1968</sup> it is the same size shot as that submitted, in the Robert George Calvert, Victim, Murder case and reported upon in Laboratory report number PC 51221 G.Y.

The bullet, Q17, removed from the head of Carol King, is the bare portion of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. This bullet was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, serial # 125936, referred to above as K3.

The bullet, Q18, taken from the head of Robert Jensen, is the

base portion of a caliber .22 bullet. This bullet was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, serial # 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The cartridge case, Q19, found at the cave at the Carol King - Robert Jensen murder scene is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, serial # 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The cartridge case, Q20, found at the cave at the Carol King - Robert Jensen murder scene is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, serial # 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The bullet, Q21, taken from the right lung of C. Lauer Ward is the mutilated base portion of a caliber .22 bullet. Some similarities between the limited marks on this specimen and on test bullets fired from specimen K2 were noted. The similarities noted were insufficient to permit an identification of specimen K2 as the particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The bullet, Q22, taken from the head of C. Lauer Ward is a mutilated portion of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. There were, however, sufficient marks remaining on its surface for identification purposes and it was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Remington

pump action rifle, Model 1906, serial # 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The bullet, Q30, removed from the brain of Robert Jensen was submitted by the Chief of Police, Joseph T. Carroll, under cover of the letter from his office dated March 1, 1958. This bullet was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 629, serial # 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The wrist watch, K14, belonging to Robert Jensen, bears the brand name "Broadway". When received, the time read 9:30 o'clock. The crystal, apparently broken, was missing. The case was damaged at the 11 o'clock position and the face dented at the 2 o'clock position. A clump of dirt was present at the 2 o'clock position, the presence of which would have stopped the minute hand at this point had the minute hand reached it. The sweep second hand is missing and the sweep second <sup>hand</sup> ~~pinion~~ is bent. It was concluded that this wrist watch stopped with the bending of the sweep second <sup>hand</sup> ~~pinion~~. The spring was fully wound approximately three or four hours before the watch stopped and had, when received, approximately 24 hours running time remaining on the wound spring.

The wrist watch, K15, removed from the body of Carol King, bears the brand name "Sheffield". When received, the time read 9:15 o'clock. The spring on this wrist watch was completely run down. There was no evidence of damage to this watch. In the laboratory, this watch

was fully wound and it ran without failure for 28 hrs. 35 min. keeping time accurately.

Test bullets and cartridge cases fired from specimens K1, K2 and K3 and test shotgun shells fired from specimen K4 were compared microscopically with all comparable specimens in this Laboratory's National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting any identifications.

The serial numbers of specimens K2 and K3 were searched through the National Stolen Property Index of this Bureau but no prior record of the loss or theft of these weapons were found.

Specimens K1 through K4 functioned normally in every respect when they were test fired in the Laboratory.

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EXPEDITE

Re: **CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND**  
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**MARION BARTLETT AND OTHERS,**  
**VICTIMS**  
**MURDER**

95-74185-1 ✓  
File # ~~35-1783~~  
Lab. # PC-52134 FA BO

Mr. Merle C. Karnoff ATT: Mr. Eugene H. Masters  
Sheriff of Lancaster County Asst. Chief of Police  
Lincoln, Nebraska (Let. 2/26/58)

Examination requested by:

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A) Micro. Date received: 3/4 re  
(Fibers) - Chem. Anal. (Bio. & Bio.) -  
Result of Examination: Miscellaneous - Document Examination by: [REDACTED]

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*Notes on attached sheets & also  
sketches of cloth matchings.*

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Q9 BX Rifle sight found at the east of the basement steps in C. Lauer Ward home
- Q2 Q10 X92 .22 caliber bullet found four steps from basement floor in C. Lauer Ward home
- Q3 Q12 .22 caliber bullet found in doorcasing of the living room at C. Lauer Ward home
- Q4 Q13 .22 caliber shell casing found on basement floor at foot of basement steps at C. Lauer Ward home
- Q5 Q14 .22 caliber cartridge case found on the sixth step from the top of staircase of C. Lauer Ward home
- Q6 Q14 .22 caliber cartridge case found on top landing of basement steps in C. Lauer Ward home
- Q7 Q15 .22 caliber cartridge case found on floor just south of C. Lauer Ward's home
- Q8 Q16 Foreign substance taken from north wall of living room at Bartlett home
- Q9 Q17 Foreign substance from east wall of the southwest bedroom at the Bartlett home
- Q10 Q18 .22 caliber cartridge case found in northwest bedroom at Bartlett home
- Q11 Q19 Strips of cloth found under Mrs. Clara Ward's bed

- Q12 Q20 Piece of .410 gauge shotgun barrel found on top of piano in Marion Bartlett home
- Q13 Q21 .410 gauge fired shotgun shell from the yard of August Meyer farm
- Q14 Q22 .22 caliber cartridge case found in kitchen of August Meyer farm 1/28/58
- Q15 Q23 .22 caliber cartridge case found in kitchen of August Meyer farm 1/28/58
- Q16 Q24 Shot taken from the head of August Meyer at Lincoln General Hospital
- Q17 Q25 Bullet removed from the head of Carol King at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1/28/58
- Q18 Q26 Bullet taken from the head of Robert Jensen at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q19 Q27 .22 caliber cartridge case found 30½" south 26" east of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene
- Q20 Q28 .22 caliber cartridge case found 73" west & 43½" south of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene
- Q21 Q29 Bullet taken from right lung of C. Lauer Ward at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- Q22 Q30 Bullet taken from the head of C. Lauer Ward at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- Q23 Q31 Letter removed from the person of Charles Starkweather at Douglas, Wyoming
- Q24 Q32 Notes found in the waste basket in the kitchen of C. Lauer Ward home
- Q25 Q33 Cloth used as gag and to bind lower jaw of Lillian Fencel removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q26 Q34 Pieces of cloth used to bind the wrists of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q27 Q35 Pieces of cloth used in binding the ankles of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q28 Q36 Strips of cloth used to bind the hands of Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- Q29 Q37 Strip of cloth used as gag on Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- K1 K13 .22 caliber J. C. Higgins bolt-action rifle, Model 10318
- K2 K14 .22 caliber Winchester pump rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590
- K3 K15 .22 caliber Winchester pump-action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936
- K4 K16 J. C. Stevens .410 gauge bolt-action shotgun, Model 59A
- K5 K17 Brass fireplace stoker found in C. Lauer Ward home
- K6 K18 Black leather jacket, owned and worn by Charles Starkweather
- K7 K19 Two pages of known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather
- K8 K20 Bed sheet found in the C. Lauer Ward home
- K9 K21 Known handwriting of [redacted]

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- ~~K11~~ Boots worn by [redacted]  
~~K10~~K22 K10 Car coat worn by [redacted]  
~~K12~~K22 K10 Black jeans worn by [redacted]  
~~K13~~K22 K10 Belt worn by [redacted]  
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~~K15~~K22 K10 Sheffield wrist watch removed from the body of Carol King  
K16 K27 Boots worn by Charles Starkweather  
K17 K22 Jeans worn by Charles Starkweather  
K18 K22 Chamois jacket worn by [redacted]  
K19 K22 Coat worn by Carol King 1/28/58  
K20 K21 Jeans worn by Carol King  
K21 K22 Brassiere taken from the body of Carol King  
K22 K23 Panties taken from the body of Carol King

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- Q8 Small pieces of wall paper, } + + + QNS  
 & plaster, bearing red stains
- Q9 Brown stains on pieces of } Neg.  
 wall paper & plaster
- K5 no tissue particles or hairs.. Neg.
- K6 Smears on left sleeve & } + + + QNS  
 left shoulder "O"
- K8 - Heavy stains (Grouped for record) + + + QNS
- K10 Small spot on left rear } + + + QNS  
 near side pocket
- K11 . . . . . Neg.
- K12 . . . . . Neg.
- K13 . . . . . Neg.
- K16 Smear on toe of R. foot . . . + QNS QNS
- Very minute red spots on side } + QNS QNS  
 of heel portion (upper) of  
 left foot
- K17 Very dirty - stain on left leg . . + + + QNS  
 below knee
- K18 Two stains on right sleeve + + + QNS
- K19 Heavy stains (Grouped for record) + + + "B"

Semen

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- K19 - Stain on lining . . . + - -
- K20 } . . . - - -
- K21 }
- K22 Stain on crotch . . . + (slight) - - (7/8/45)

Cloth matching

Q11, Q25, Q26, Q27, Q28 & Q29 strips of cloth were compared by edge contours & in some cases thread coincidence with sheet K8. As shown by attached sketches four pieces of cloth in Q11, one piece found wrapped in K8<sup>(K8B)</sup> sheet, two pieces of cloth in Q28 and three pieces in Q29 were matched to K8 sheet.

One piece of Q11, three pieces in Q25, three pieces in Q26, two pieces in Q27 and a piece of cloth found rolled up in K8 (K8C) were found to be contiguous pieces of a different sheet (not K8) and were found to comprise the major portion of one selvage edge & the wide or top hem of the sheet.

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DATE

3-12-58

SPECIMEN	SERUM	CELLS	STAIN	CONTROL	GROUP	REMARKS
SERUM CONTROL	B	A				
	A	B				
KNOWN O	B	A				
	A	B				
KNOWN A <sub>2</sub>	B	A				
	A	B				
KNOWN B	B	A				
	A	B				
KNOWN AB	B	A				
	A	B				
Q8	B	A	—		Q15	
	A	B	—			
K8 1 Scraping	B	A	+	}	"O"	
	A	B	+			
K8 2 Scraping	B	A	+			
	A	B	+			
K19 1 Scraping	B	A	+	}	"B"	
	A	B	—			
K19 2 Scraping	B	A	+			
	A	B	—			
K19 3	B	A	+	}		
	A	B	—			
	B	A				
	A	B				
	B	A				
	A	B				
	B	A				
	A	B				

(Twin bed size - 72" wide)

Selvaqe

Top of Sheet

Selvaqe

72 1/2" wide

Q28-B

irregular  
cut  
edge  
exposed  
selvaqe

37 3/4"

K8-A

73" wide

99" long

31"

34 3/4"

31 1/2"

Tear 16 1/2" long

(The tear is only the selvaqe. It does not go into the material.)

Q11-A 22"

Q11-B 16" 1 1/2"

Q11-C 16" 1 1/2"

Q11-D 19 1/2"

Q28-A

73 1/2" wide

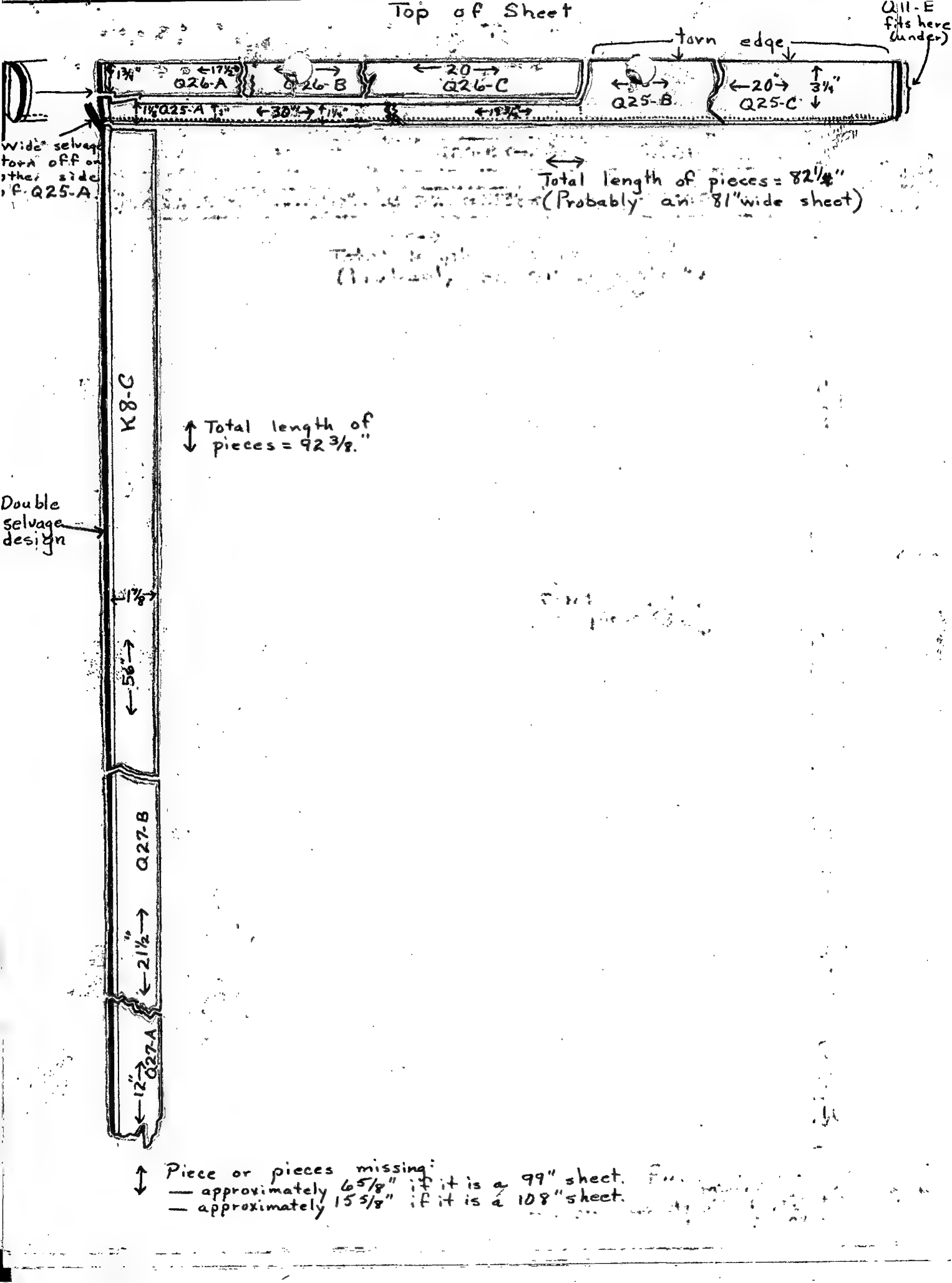
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Bottom of Sheet

A few orange threads from the label are attached inside the sheet

Orange & white Cotton Label

# Top of Sheet

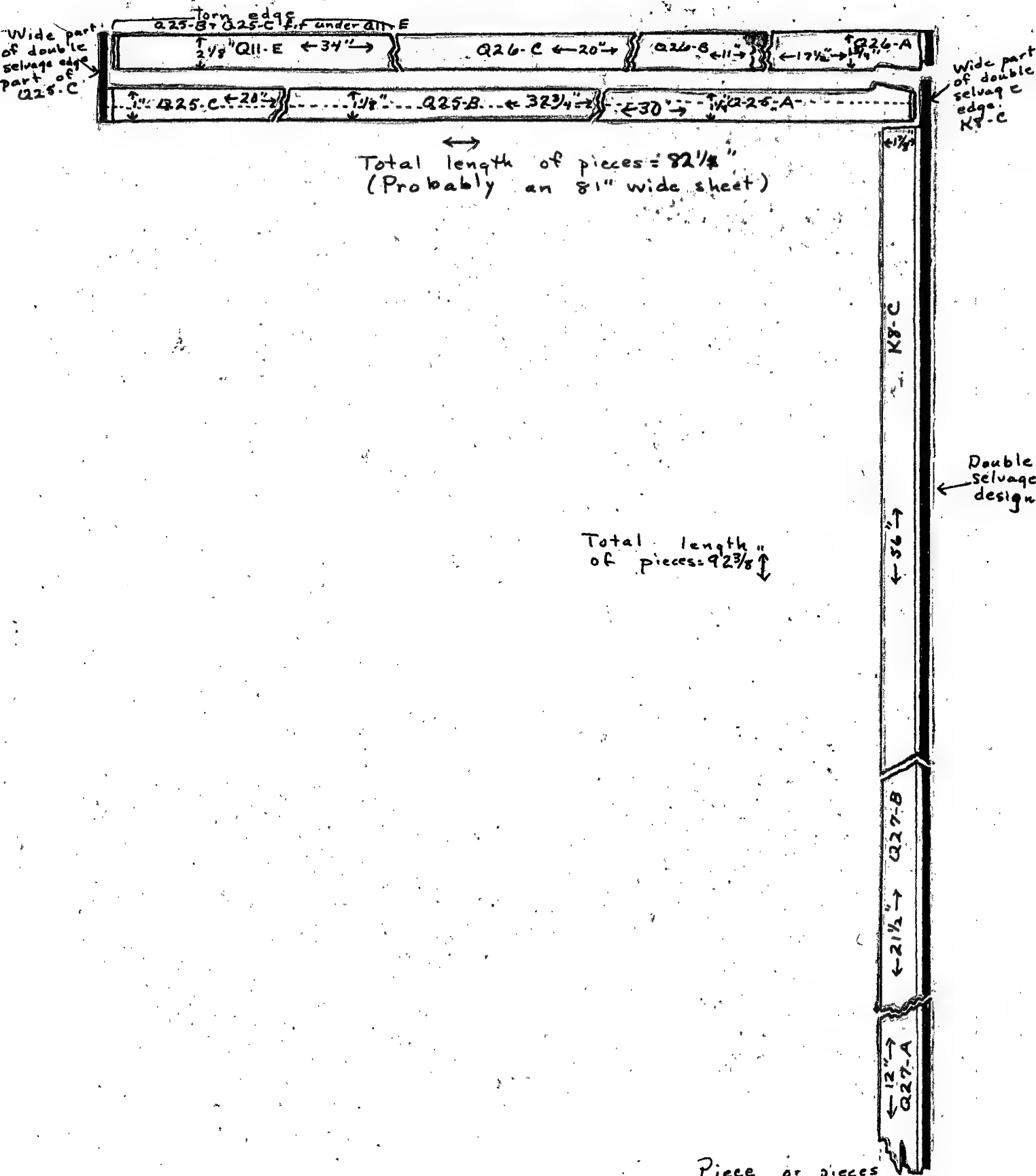


Total length of pieces =  $82 \frac{1}{4}"$   
 (Probably an 81" wide sheet)

Total length of pieces =  $92 \frac{3}{8}"$

Piece or pieces missing:  
 — approximately  $65 \frac{5}{8}"$  if it is a 99" sheet.  
 — approximately  $155 \frac{5}{8}"$  if it is a 108" sheet.

# Top of Sheet



- approximately 6 5/8" if 99" sheet
- approximately 15 5/8" if 108" sheet

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By comparisons of contours of the torn edges it was ascertained that four of the five strips of cloth in specimen Q11, the two strips of cloth in Q28, and the three strips comprising Q29 had been torn from the Bedsheet, specimen K8.

As a result of similar contour comparisons it was determined that one strip of cloth in Q11, the three strips in Q25, the three pieces of cloth in Q26, the two pieces in Q27 and a single strip found wrapped in the bedsheet, K8, did not come from K8. These strips were found to be contiguous pieces of another bedsheet and were found to comprise the major portion of one selvage edge and the entire wide or top edge of the sheet.

Human blood which was too limited in amount for grouping tests was found <sup>in spec. Q8,</sup> on the left sleeve and left shoulder of the jacket, K6,

on the left rear portion of coat, K10,  
on the left leg of K17 and on the  
right sleeve of K18.\* No blood was  
found in spec. Q9, on K5, K11, K12  
and K13. The examination of K5 did not  
disclose any tissue particles or hairs  
thereon.

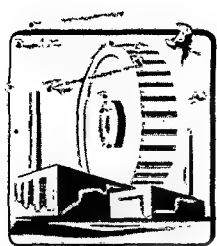
For purposes of record grouping  
tests were made of <sup>the</sup> human blood  
present on specimens K8 and K19.  
The blood on K8 was derived from  
an individual belonging to International  
Blood Group "O". That on K19  
came from a group "B" person.

No seminal stains were found  
on specimens K19 through K22.

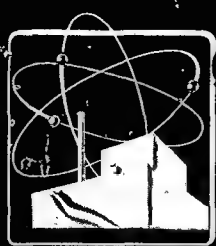
\* Preliminary chemical tests for blood were  
made on a faint reddish smear present on  
the toe of the right boot of spec. K16 and on  
minute red stains appearing on the side of  
the heel of the left boot of K16. The  
results of these tests were positive, thereby



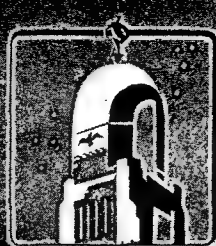
indicating the possible presence of blood on the boots. The amount of material in the stains was too limited, however, for confirmatory blood analyses.



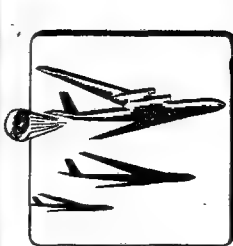
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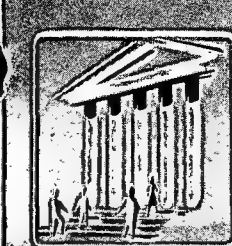
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February 26, 1958

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**EXP. PROC.**  
FEB 28 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

RE: Subjects: Charles R. Starkweather

Victims:

Marion Bartlett  
Verna Bartlett  
Betty Jean Bartlett  
August Meyer  
Carol King  
Robert Jensen  
C. Lauer Ward  
Clara Ward  
Lillian Fenclo  
Robert George Colvert

Charge:

Murder in First Degree and  
Murder in First Degree in  
Perpetration of Robbery

Dear Sir:

This evidence is being submitted in connection with an official investigation of a criminal matter and has not been, nor will it be, subjected to the same type of technical examination. The results of your examination will be used for official purposes only, in the prosecution of Charles R. Starkweather and

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We wish to express our thanks for any help you may give us in this case and assure you that the valuable assistance rendered these Departments by the FBI in the past is very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Merle C. Karnopp*  
MERLE C. KARNOPP, Sheriff

*E. H. Masters*  
EUGENE H. MASTERS,  
Assistant Chief of Police

EHM:krs

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Victims

*Bartlett (3) 22*  
*Mrs* About 4:30 P. M., January 27th, 1958, the body of Marion Bartlett was found in an old chicken shed at the rear of his home at 924 Belmont in this city. The body of his wife, Velda Bartlett, and his three year old daughter, Betty Jean, were found in an abandoned out-door toilet at the rear of the home. All three bodies had been wrapped in various articles of bed clothing, rags, paper, etc. It was determined through autopsies that Marion Bartlett had been shot in the head with a .22 calibre hollow point bullet. Mrs. Bartlett had also been shot with a .22 calibre hollow point bullet. The daughter, Betty Jean, had numerous skull fractures and a stab wound in the throat. All three bodies had numerous wounds and abrasions on them.

*Meyer 410*  
On January 28th, 1958, at approximately 12:30 P. M., the body of August Meyer, a bachelor farmer, was found at his farm home near Bennet, Nebraska, which is approximately eighteen miles southeast of Lincoln. The body was found in a small shed at the rear of his farm home, and it was determined that he had been shot while on the back porch of his home. He had been shot in the back of the head with a .410 gauge shotgun.

*Carol King Robert Jensen 22*  
At approximately 4:00 P. M. on January 28th, 1958, the bodies of Carol King and Robert Jensen were found in an abandoned storm cave, which was located on abandoned school grounds one-half mile west of the August Meyer farm. Carol King had been shot

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once in the head with a .22 calibre bullet. When found, her jeans and underclothing were down around her ankles. According to the autopsy report, an act of sodomy had been committed on this young girl. Robert Jensen had been shot in the head five or six times with .22 calibre bullets.

*C. Lauer Ward  
Clara Ward  
-22*

*Mrs* On January 29th, 1958, at 12:30 P. M., the bodies of C. Lauer Ward, his wife Clara Ward, and their maid Lillian Fencel were found in their home at 2843 South 24th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The body of Mr. Ward was found near the front door of his home, and he had been shot in the back with a .22 calibre bullet and in the head with a .22 calibre bullet. He had also supposedly been hit in the head or neck with a brass fireplace stoker. The body of his wife, Clara Ward, was found in an upstairs bedroom, lying between two beds, with her arms tied behind her and a gag in her mouth. She had been stabbed numerous times in the back. In another bedroom on the second floor of this home was found the body of the maid, Lillian Fencel. Her hands had been bound in front of her, a gag placed in her mouth, and she had been bound about the ankles. There were numerous stab wounds in her chest and abdomen, and she had been cut on the wrists and the back of her left hand. Autopsies disclosed that neither Mrs. Ward nor Lillian Fencel had been shot.

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During the afternoon of January 29th, 1958, Charles R. Starkweather and [redacted] were apprehended near Douglas, Wyoming. Starkweather has admitted the shootings of all victims mentioned but denies the stabbing of Mrs. Ward and Lillian Fencel and intimates that this was done by [redacted].

Starkweather also admits the shotgun slaying of Robert George Colvert as per our letter to you of December 7th, 1957, your File No. 95-72706, Laboratory No. PC-51221GY.

The following evidence is being submitted to your laboratory by Railway Express:

K-1 .22 Calibre J. C. Higgins bolt action rifle, Model 10318. Gun with which Charles Starkweather admits killing Marlon Bartlett and Velda Bartlett.

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K-2 .22 Calibre Winchester pump rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590, found in possession of Charles Starkweather by [redacted] near Douglas, Wyoming 1-29-58.

K-3 .22 Calibre Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936, found in possession of Charles Starkweather by [redacted] of [redacted], 1-29-58.

K-4 J. C. Stevens .410 gauge bolt action shotgun, Model 59A, found in possession of Charles Starkweather by [redacted] of [redacted], 1-29-58.

✓ K-5 Brass fireplace stoker found in C. Lauer Ward home. Charles Starkweather claims to have hit Mr. Ward over the head with this stoker.

Examine for blood and type of blood, if possible.

✓ K-6 Black leather jacket, owned and worn by Charles Starkweather.

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

✓ K-7 <sup>Two pages of</sup> Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather.  
K-7 A Second page of above handwriting.

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✓ K-8 Bed sheet found in the C. Lauer Ward home.

✓ K-9 Known handwriting of [redacted].

✓ K-10 Car coat worn by [redacted].

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

✓ K-11 Boots worn by [redacted].

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

✓ K-12 Black jeans worn by [redacted].

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

✓ K-13 Belt worn by [redacted].

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

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- ✓ K-14<sup>10</sup> Wrist watch belonging to Robert Jensen found at cave at scene of Robert Jensen-Carol King murder 1-28-58.

Determine, if possible, if this watch had run down, or stopped suddenly because of mechanical failure caused by a jar or blow.

- ✓ K-15<sup>11</sup> Sheffield wrist watch removed from body of Carol King at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1-28-58.

Determine, if possible, if this watch had run down or stopped suddenly because of mechanical failure caused by a jar or blow.

- ✓ K-16<sup>13</sup> Boots worn by Charles Starkweather.

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

- ✓ K-17<sup>14</sup> Jeans worn by Charles Starkweather.

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

- ✓ K-18<sup>15</sup> Chamois jacket worn by [REDACTED].

Examine for blood stains and type of blood.

- ✓ K-19<sup>11</sup> Coat worn by Carol King 1-28-58.

Examine for semen.

- ✓ K-20<sup>12</sup> Jeans worn by Carol King 1-28-58.

Examine for semen.

- ✓ K-21<sup>12</sup> Bra<sup>piece</sup> taken from the body of Carol King 1-28-58.

Examine for semen.

- ✓ K-22<sup>14</sup> Panties taken from the body of Carol King 1-28-58.

Examine for semen.

- ✓ Q-1<sup>15</sup> Rifle sight found at the east of the basement steps in C. Lauer Ward home 1-29-58.

Examine to determine if this rifle sight came from Specimen K-2.

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✓ Q-2 .22 Calibre bullet found four steps from basement floor in C. Lauer Ward home 1-29-58.

Ballistics examination requested to see if this bullet was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-3 .22 Calibre bullet found in door casing of the living room at C. Lauer Ward home 2-22-58.

Ballistics examination requested to determine if this bullet was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-4 .22 Calibre shell casing found on basement floor at foot of basement steps at C. Lauer Ward home 1-29-58.

Examination requested to determine if this shell casing was fired in Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-5 <sup>Q17</sup> Empty <sup>cartridge case</sup> .22 Calibre shell found on the sixth step from the top of staircase of C. Lauer Ward home 1-29-58.

Examination requested to determine if this shell casing was fired in Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-6 <sup>cartridge case</sup> Empty .22 Calibre/shell casing found on top landing of basement steps in C. Lauer Ward home 1-29-58.

Examination requested to determine if this shell casing was fired in Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-7 <sup>cartridge case</sup> Empty .22 Calibre/shell casing found on floor just south of C. Lauer Ward's head 1-29-58.

Examination requested to determine if this shell casing was fired in Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-8 <sup>Foreign substance</sup> Specimen taken from north wall of living room at Bartlett home, believed to be blood 1-28-58.

Determine if human blood stains and type of blood.

✓ Q-9 <sup>Q12</sup> <sup>Foreign substance</sup> Specimen from east wall of the southwest bedroom at the Bartlett home, 924 Belmont, 1-28-58.

Determine if human blood stains and type of blood.



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- ✓ Q-10 <sup>Q-10</sup> <sup>cartridge case</sup> Empty .22 Calibre shell casing found in northwest bedroom at Bartlett home, 924 Belmont, 1-28-58.

Examination requested to determine if this shell casing was fired in Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

- ✓ Q-11 <sup>Q-11</sup> Strips of cloth found under Mrs. Clara Ward's bed 2-3-58.

Examine to determine if these strips came from Specimen K-8 (K-8 & 2)

- ✓ Q-12 <sup>Q-12</sup> Piece of .410 gauge shotgun barrel found on top of piano in Marion Bartlett home, 924 Belmont.

Examine to determine if this piece of .410 shotgun barrel was sawed from Specimen K-4.

- ✓ Q-13 <sup>Q-13</sup> Empty .410 gauge <sup>fired</sup> shotgun shell from the yard of August Meyer farm 1-28-58.

Examination requested to determine if this .410 shotgun shell was fired in Specimen K-4.

- ✓ Q-14 <sup>Q-14</sup> <sup>cartridge case</sup> .22 Calibre shell casing found in kitchen of August Meyer farm 1-28-58.

Examine to determine if this shell casing was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

- ✓ Q-15 <sup>Q-15</sup> .22 Calibre bullet found in kitchen of August Meyer farm 1-28-58.

Ballistics examination requested to determine if this bullet was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

- ✓ Q-16 <sup>Q-16</sup> Shot taken from the head of August Meyer at Lincoln General Hospital 1-28-58.

Examination requested to determine size of shot.

- ✓ Q-17 <sup>Q-17</sup> Bullet removed from the head of Carol King at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1-28-58.

Ballistics examination requested to determine if this bullet was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

- ✓ Q-18 <sup>Q-18</sup> Bullet taken from the head of Robert Jensen at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1-28-58.

Ballistics examination requested to determine if this bullet was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

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✓ Q-19 <sup>cartridge case</sup> .22 Calibre shell casing found 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " south 26" east of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene 2-25-58.

Examination requested to determine if this shell casing was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-20 <sup>cartridge case</sup> .22 Calibre shell casing found 73" west 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ " south of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene 2-25-58.

Examination requested to determine if this shell casing was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-21 Bullet taken from right lung of C. Lauer Ward at Bryan Memorial Hospital 1-29-58.

Ballistics examination requested to determine if this bullet was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-22 Bullet taken from the head of C. Lauer Ward at Bryan Memorial Hospital 1-29-58.

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Ballistics examination requested to determine if this bullet was fired from Specimen K-1, K-2, or K-3.

✓ Q-23 Letter removed from the person of Charles Starkweather at Douglas, Wyoming 1-29-58 by [redacted], Douglas, Wyoming.

Handwriting comparisons requested with Specimens K-7, K-7 A, and K-9.

✓ Q-24 Notes found in the waste basket in the kitchen of C. Lauer Ward home by [redacted] 2-1-58.

Handwriting comparisons with Specimens K-7, K-7 A, and K-9.

✓ Q-25 Cloth used as gag and to bind lower jaw of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1-29-58.

To be examined to determine if it was taken from Specimen K-8.

✓ Q-26 Pieces of cloth used to bind the wrists of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1-29-58.

To be examined to determine if taken from Specimen K-8.

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✓ Q-27 Pieces of cloth used in binding the ankles of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1-29-58.

To be examined to determine if taken from Specimen K-8.

✓ Q-28 Strips of cloth used to bind the hands of Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at Bryan Memorial Hospital 1-29-58.

To be examined to determine if taken from Specimen K-8.

✓ Q-29 <sup>04-3</sup> Strip of cloth used as gag on Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at Bryan Memorial Hospital 1-29-58.

To be examined to determine if taken from Specimen K-8.

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JOSEPH T. CARROLL  
CHIEF OF POLICE

CITY OF LINCOLN  
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory.

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Re: Subjects: Charles R. Starkweather  
[redacted]

Charge: Murder in First Degree and Murder in First Degree  
in Perpetration of Robbery.

I am sending by Parcel Post one other specimen in connection with the  
above case. Previous evidence having been submitted to the Laboratory  
on February 27, 1958.

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Speciman Q-30 is <sup>Q9</sup> abullet removed from the brain of Robert Jensen.

Ballistics examination requested to determine if this bullet was  
fired from Specimens K-1, K-2 or K-3.

Thanking you again for your assistance in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

*E. H. Masters*  
E. H. Masters,  
Asst. Chief of Police.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: March 4, 1958

FROM :

[Redacted]

SUBJECT: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND  
[Redacted] SUBJECTS  
MARION BARTLETT AND NINE  
OTHERS, VICTIMS  
MURDER

Tolson ✓  
Belmont ✓  
Boardman ✓  
Mohr ✓  
Parsons ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Tamm ✓  
Trotter ✓  
Nease ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holloman ✓  
Gandy ✓

You will recall that this case received nationwide publicity shortly before and at the time of arrest of Starkweather and [Redacted] who are suspected of having committed ten murders.

We have been advised by letter dated 2/26/58, that the offices of Sheriff and Chief of Police, Lincoln, Nebraska, are jointly submitting a large amount of evidence in this case.

We have received today another letter dated March 1, 1958, from Chief of Police at Lincoln, Nebraska, advising that additional evidence is being submitted.

As soon as this material is received, it will be handled expeditiously.

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None. For information.

Addendum: This evidence was received late this afternoon.

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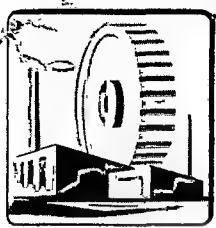
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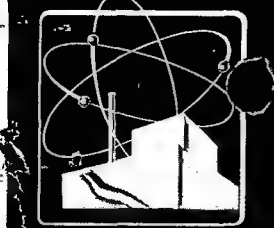
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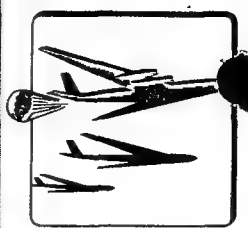
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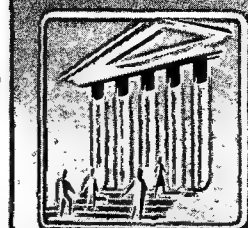
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MERLE C. KARNOPP  
SHERIFFLESLIE C. HASSON  
CHIEF DEPUTY

# LANCASTER COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

TELEPHONE  
7-3721  
EXT 42

March 11, 1958

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

RE: Subjects: Charles R. Starkweather

Your File No. PC-52165

Charge: Murder in First Degree and Murder in First  
Degree in Perpetration of Robbery

Dear Sir:

We are sending by First Class Mail the following additional evidence in connection with the above case, previous evidence having been submitted to the Laboratory on February 27, 1958 and March 1, 1958:

— K-23	Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather
— K-24	Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather
— Q-31	Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home
— Q-32	Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home
— Q-33	Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home

Compare Specimens Q-31, Q-32, and Q-33 with Specimens K-7, K-7 A, K-9, K-23, and K-24 to determine who wrote said Specimens

Q-34 Comb found in the C. Lauer Ward home

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COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB  
FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
March 11, 1958  
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Examine to determine what substance is on said  
Specimen; may possibly be shoe polish.

Thanking you again for your assistance in this matter,  
I am

Very truly yours,



E. H. MASTERS  
Assistant Chief of Police

EHM:krs

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

EXPEDITE

Re: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND  
[REDACTED] SUSPECTS  
C. LAUER WARD, VICTIM  
MURDER

File # 95-74185 -5  
Lab. # PC-52240 IE

Mr. Joseph T. Carroll  
Chief of Police  
Lincoln, Nebra.

Examination requested by: Attn: Mr. E. H. Masters, Ass't Chief of Police  
(Let. 3/11/58)

Examination requested: Spectrographic - Document

Date received: 3/12 am

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

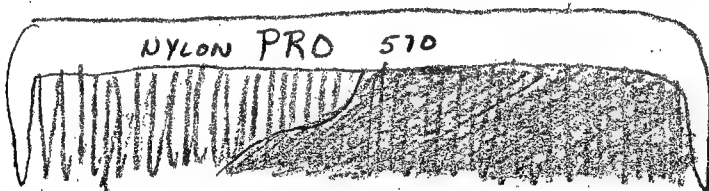
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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q31 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home
- Q32 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home
- Q33 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home
- Q34 Comb " " " " " "
- K23 Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather
- K24 Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather

Q34- Comb



possesses light deposits  
of black waxy material  
having the general

appearance of shoe polish. However these deposits  
are too limited for adequate analysis and, therefore, could  
not be specifically associated with a shoe polish.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

EXPEDITE

Re: **CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND**  
**[REDACTED] SUSPECTS**  
**C. LAUER WARD, VICTIM**  
**MURDER**

File # **95-74185-5**  
Lab. # **PC-52240 IE**

**Mr. Joseph T. Carroll**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Lincoln, Nebra.**

**D-274323 DJ**

Examination requested by: **Attn: Mr. E. H. Masters, Ass't Chief of Police**  
**(Let. 3/11/58)**

Examination requested: **Spectrographic - Document** ✓

Date received: **3/12 am**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **[REDACTED]**

*Diet.*  
It was concluded that the  
writer of K23 & K24 prepared the handwriting  
on Q31 through Q33 except the grocery  
list on the back of Q32.

*3/17/58.*

*OK*  
*[Signature]*

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q31 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home**
- Q32 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home**
- Q33 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home**
- Q34 Combs " " " " " "**
- K23 Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather**
- K24 Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather**

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Q 31-33 - when she stay you  
work people the car  
what is doing

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K 23-24 - hate this you every  
is she body will  
people he

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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER  
AND [REDACTED], SUSPECTS  
MARION BARLETT AND OTHERS, VICTIMS.  
VICTIMS; MURDER

Date March 19, 1958

Case References

Consigned to: Mr. Merle C. Karnopp  
Sheriff of Lancaster County  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Shipping Room, show date of shipment, bill of lading number and initial this in-  
voice; then return it to person whose name is checked in column at right. After  
this checked name has been initialed, invoice should be placed in administrative  
file.

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **Mr. Joseph T. Carroll**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

March 19, 1958

Airmail

Attention: **Mr. E. H. Masters**  
**Assistant Chief of Police**

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Re: **CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND**  
**[REDACTED], SUSPECTS**  
**C. LAUER WARD, VICTIM**  
**MURDER**

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

95-74185

PC-52240 IE

D-274313 DJ

Examination requested by: **Addressee**Reference: **Letter 3/11/58**Examination requested: **Spectrographic - Document**

Specimens:

**Q31 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home**  
**Q32 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home**  
**Q33 Note found in the C. Lauer Ward home**  
**Q34 Comb found in the C. Lauer Ward home**

**K23 Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather**  
**K24 Known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather**

**Results of Examination:**

It was concluded that the writer of K23 and K24 prepared the handwriting on Q31 through Q33 except for the grocery list on the back of Q32.

The comb, Q34, possesses light deposits of a black waxy material having the general appearance of shoe polish.

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However, these deposits are too limited for adequate analysis and, therefore, could not be specifically associated with a shoe polish.

The evidence is being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER

AND

SUSPECTS, C. LAUER WARD, VICTIM  
MURDER

Date March 19, 1958

Case References

Consigned to: Mr. Joseph T. Carroll  
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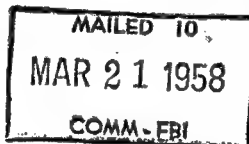
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Q31 through Q34 and K23 and K24

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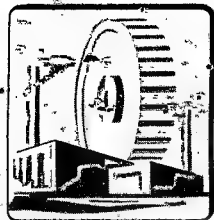
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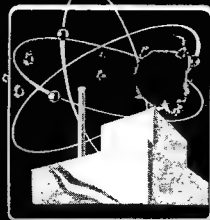
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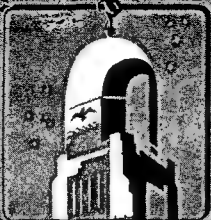
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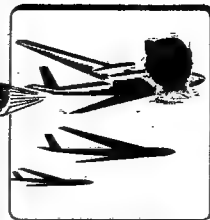
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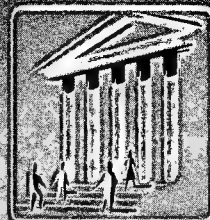
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CHIEF DEPUTY**LANCASTER COUNTY**

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

TELEPHONE  
7-3721  
EXT 42

March 12, 1958

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: Your File No. PC-52165

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Charles R. Starkweather

On the 27th day of February, 1958, a great deal of evidence was submitted to the Laboratory in regard to nine recent murders in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

I realize that it will be some time before we receive a report from the Laboratory. However, if possible, I would like to know the names of the agent or agents that we may want to call upon to testify. Under the Nebraska laws, the names of the witnesses must be endorsed on the Writ of Information and filed with the Court. If I can have this information as soon as possible, it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your splendid cooperation in the past.

Very truly yours, 4-1 MAR 13 1958

MERLE C. KARNOPP, Sheriff

MCK:krs

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**EXPEDITE**

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND**  
**[REDACTED] SUSPECTS**  
**MARION BARTLETT AND OTHERS,**  
**VICTIMS**  
**MURDER**

File # **[REDACTED]**  
Lab. # **PC-52134 PA 80**

Mr. Merle C. Karnoff ATT: Mr. Eugene H. Masters  
Sheriff of Lancaster County Asst. Chief of Police  
Lincoln, Nebraska (Let. 2/26/58)

Examination requested by:

Examination requested:

Firearms (G&A) Micro.

Date received: 3/4 re

Result of Examination:

(Fibers) - Chem. Anal. (Bio. & Bioch.) -  
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Examination by: [REDACTED]

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Dict. It was concluded that Charles R. Starkweather whose known handwriting is designated as K7, prepared the questioned handwriting on Q23 and the handwriting on Q24 except the <sup>three</sup> pages beginning "I'm not —", "she said call —" and did not say that. Because of the limited amount of handwriting & unexplained characteristics a definite conclusion was not reached whether the three pages mentioned above were written by Charles R. Starkweather K7 or [REDACTED] K9. Similarities were noted in the known handwriting of [REDACTED] when compared with the questioned handwriting on the page beginning "I'm not —".

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Q11 Rifle sight found at the east of the basement steps in C. Lauer Ward home
- Q2 Q10 .22 caliber bullet found four steps from basement floor in C. Lauer Ward home
- Q3 Q12 .22 caliber bullet found in dooreasing of the living room at C. Lauer Ward home
- Q4 Q13 .22 caliber shell casing found on basement floor at foot of basement steps at C. Lauer Ward home
- Q5 Q14 .22 caliber cartridge case found on the sixth step from the top of staircase of C. Lauer Ward home
- Q6 Q15 .22 caliber cartridge case found on top landing of basement steps in C. Lauer Ward home
- Q7 Q16 .22 caliber cartridge case found on floor just south of C. Lauer Ward's home
- Q8 Q17 Foreign substance taken from north wall of living room at Bartlett home
- Q9 Q18 Foreign substance from east wall of the southwest bedroom at the Bartlett home
- Q10 Q19 .22 caliber cartridge case found in northest bedroom at Bartlett home
- Q11 Q20 Strips of cloth found under Mrs. Clara Ward's bed

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R7

Photos made, K7+9+Q23+24

cell 463 }  
fr. 398-42 } K7, H9  
3-10-58

Q23- for the only you in  
back y/B w m g Knot  
chuck house v D dead  
so persons I has

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Q24- say you she phone  
if [ ] car garage that  
from if lady she

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K7- you think i have of  
is was Chuck going know  
[ ]

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K9- Sister [ ] I may you  
to have R if you ask  
praying

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- Q12 Q20 Piece of .410 gauge shotgun barrel found on top of piano in Marion Bartlett home
- Q13 Q21 .410 gauge fired shotgun shell from the yard of August Meyer farm
- Q14 Q22 .22 caliber cartridge case found in kitchen of August Meyer farm 1/28/58
- Q15 Q23 .22 caliber cartridge case found in kitchen of August Meyer farm 1/28/58
- Q16 Q24 Shot taken from the head of August Meyer at Lincoln General Hospital
- Q17 Q25 Bullet removed from the head of Carol King at St. Elizabeth's Hospital 1/28/58
- Q18 Q26 Bullet taken from the head of Robert Jensen at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q19 Q27 .22 caliber cartridge case found 30 1/2" south 26" east of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene
- Q20 Q28 .22 caliber cartridge case found 73" west 2 43 1/2" south of southwest corner of cave, Carol King-Robert Jensen murder scene
- Q21 Q29 Bullet taken from right lung of C. Lauer Ward at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- Q22 Q30 Bullet taken from the head of C. Lauer Ward at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- Q23 Q31 Letter removed from the person of Charles Starkweather at Douglas, Wyoming
- Q24 Q32 Notes found in the waste basket in the kitchen of C. Lauer Ward home
- Q25 Q33 Cloth used as gag and to bind lower jaw of Lillian Fencel removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q26 Q34 Pieces of cloth used to bind the wrists of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q27 Q35 Pieces of cloth used in binding the ankles of Lillian Fencel, removed from body at St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Q28 Q36 Strips of cloth used to bind the hands of Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- Q29 Q37 Strip of cloth used as gag on Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, taken at Bryan Memorial Hospital
- K1 K33 .22 caliber J. C. Higgins bolt-action rifle, Model 10318
- K2 K34 .22 caliber Winchester pump rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590
- K3 K35 .22 caliber Winchester pump-action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936
- K4 K36 J. C. Stevens .410 gauge bolt-action shotgun, Model 59A
- K5 K37 Brass fireplace stoker found in C. Lauer Ward home
- K6 K38 Black leather jacket, owned and worn by Charles Starkweather
- K7 K39 Two pages of known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather
- K8 K40 Bed sheet found in the C. Lauer Ward home
- K9 K41 Known handwriting of [REDACTED]

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K11 - Book worn by [redacted]

- K12 K23 E33 Car coat worn by [redacted]
- K13 K24 E33 Black jeans worn by [redacted]
- K14 K25 E33 Belt worn by [redacted]
- K15 K26 E33 Wrist watch belonging to Robert Jensen
- K15 K26 E33 Sheffield wrist watch removed from the body of Carol King
- K16 K27 E33 Boots worn by Charles Starkweather
- K17 K28 E33 Jeans worn by Charles Starkweather
- K18 K29 E33 Chamois jacket worn by [redacted]
- K19 K30 E33 Coat worn by Carol King 1/28/68
- K20 K31 E33 Jeans worn by Carol King
- K21 K32 E33 Brassiere taken from the body of Carol King
- K22 K33 E33 Panties taken from the body of Carol King

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REPORT  
of the

**FBI**

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: Mr. Merle C. Karnopp  
Sheriff of Lancaster County  
Lincoln, Nebraska

March 19, 1958

Airmail

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MARION BARTLETT AND OTHERS,  
VICTIMS  
MURDER

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

95-74185

PC-52134 FA

PC-52165 FA

Examination requested by: Mr. E. H. Masters  
Addressee - Assistant Chief of Police  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Reference: Addressee's letters dated 2/26/58, and 3/12/58  
Mr. E. H. Masters' letter dated 3/1/58

Examination requested: Firearms - Microscopic - Chemical Analyses -  
Miscellaneous - Document

Specimens:

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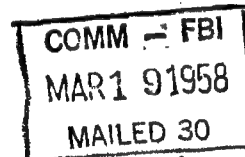
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of basement steps at C. Lauer Ward's home

1 - Mr. Joseph T. Carroll - Airmail  
Chief of Police  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Attention: Mr. Eugene H. Masters  
Assistant Chief of Police

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- K3 .22 caliber Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936
- K4 J. Stevens .410 gauge bolt action shotgun, Model 59A, no serial number
- K5 Brass fireplace stoker found in C. Lauer Ward's home
- K6 Black leather jacket, owned and worn by Charles Starkweather
- K7 Two pages of known handwriting of Charles R. Starkweather
- K8 Bed sheet found in C. Lauer Ward's home
- K9 Known handwriting of [redacted]
- K10 Car coat worn by [redacted]
- K11 Boots worn by [redacted]
- K12 Black jeans worn by [redacted]
- K13 Belt worn by [redacted]
- K14 Wrist watch belonging to Robert Jensen
- K15 Wrist watch removed from the body of Carol King
- K16 Boots worn by Charles R. Starkweather
- K17 Jeans worn by Charles R. Starkweather
- K18 Chamois jacket worn by [redacted]
- K19 Coat worn by Carol King, 1/28/58
- K20 Jeans worn by Carol King
- K21 Brassiere taken from the body of Carol King
- K22 Panties taken from the body of Carol King

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Evidence received with letter dated 3/1/58

Q30 Bullet removed from the brain of Robert Jensen

#### Results of Examination:

The rifle sight, specimen Q1, is the type of sight assembled originally on .22 caliber Winchester rifles of the type represented by specimen K2. The sight of specimen K2 is missing and specimen Q1 could have come from this rifle.

The bullet specimen, Q2, found four steps from the basement floor in the C. Lauer Ward home is a mutilated fragment of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. Because of its mutilated condition, it was not possible to determine the type of bullet from which this fragment came. The absence of marks on the bullet's surface precludes the possibility of identifying the type or particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The bullet specimen, Q3, found in the door casing in the living room at the C. Lauer Ward home is also a mutilated fragment of a bullet. This specimen was likewise too mutilated to permit identification as to bullet type. There were no marks present to permit identification of the type or particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The cartridge case, Q4, found on the basement floor at the foot of the basement steps at the C. Lauer Ward home is a Remington caliber .22 Short cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The cartridge case, Q5, found on the sixth step from the top of the staircase at the C. Lauer Ward home is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The cartridge case, Q6, found on the top landing of the basement steps at the C. Lauer Ward home is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The cartridge case, Q7, found on the floor just south of C. Lauer Ward's head, is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The cartridge case, Q10, found in the northwest bedroom at the Bartlett home is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 J. C. Higgins bolt action rifle, Model 103.18, referred to above as specimen K1.

The piece of shotgun barrel, Q12, found on top of the piano in the Marion Bartlett home, is the muzzle end, 8 5/8" long, of the barrel of a .410 gauge shotgun. This barrel section was identified as having been sawed from the barrel of the .410 gauge J. Stevens shotgun, Model 59A, referred to above as specimen K4.

The Remington .410 gauge fired shotgun shell, Q13, found in the yard of the August Meyer farm, was identified as having been fired in the .410 gauge J. Stevens shotgun, Model 59A, referred to above as specimen K4.

The cartridge case, Q14, found in the kitchen of the August Meyer farmhouse, is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case from a round of ammunition that is unlike those rounds represented by any of the other cartridge cases examined in this case. This cartridge case was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The bullet, Q15, found in the kitchen of the August Meyer farmhouse is a mutilated fragment of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. This specimen was too mutilated to permit identification of the type or particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The two pieces of shot, Q16, taken from the head of August Meyer are from a shotgun shell loaded with number 6 shot. In this regard, it is the same size shot as that submitted by your office under cover of your letter dated December 7, 1957, in the Robert George Colvert, Victim, Murder case and reported upon in Laboratory report number PC-51221 GY.

The bullet, Q17, removed from the head of Carol King, is the base portion of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. This bullet was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The bullet, Q18, taken from the head of Robert Jensen, is the base portion of a caliber .22 bullet. This bullet was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The cartridge case, Q19, found at the cave at the Carol King - Robert Jensen murder scene is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The cartridge case, Q20, found at the cave at the Carol King - Robert Jensen murder scene is a Remington caliber .22 Long or Long Rifle cartridge case. It was identified as having been fired in the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The bullet, Q21, taken from the right lung of C. Lauer Ward is the mutilated base portion of a caliber .22 bullet. Some similarities between the limited marks on this specimen and on test bullets fired from specimen K2 were noted. The similarities noted were insufficient to permit identification of specimen K2 as the particular weapon firing the bullet from which this fragment came.

The bullet, Q22, taken from the head of C. Lauer Ward is a mutilated portion of a caliber .22 Long Rifle bullet. There were, however, sufficient marks remaining on its surface for identification purposes and it was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Remington pump action rifle, Model 1906, Serial No. 600590, referred to above as specimen K2.

The bullet, Q30, removed from the brain of Robert Jensen was submitted by Chief of Police Joseph T. Carroll, under cover of the letter from his office dated March 1, 1958. This bullet was identified as having been fired from the caliber .22 Winchester pump action rifle, Model 62A, Serial No. 125936, referred to above as specimen K3.

The wrist watch, K14, belonging to Robert Jensen, bears the brand name "Broadway." When received, the time read 9:30 o'clock. The watch crystal, apparently broken, was missing. The case was damaged at the 11 o'clock position and the face dented at the 2 o'clock position. A clump of dirt was present at the 2 o'clock position, the presence of which would have stopped the minute hand at this point had the minute hand reached it. The sweep second hand is missing and the sweep second hand pinion is bent. It was concluded from an examination of this wrist watch that it stopped with the bending of the sweep second hand pinion. The spring was wound to within three or four hours of being fully wound.

The wrist watch, K15, removed from the body of Carol King, bears the brand name "Sheffield." When received, the time read 9:20 o'clock. The spring on this wrist watch was completely run down. There was no evidence of damage to this watch. In the Laboratory, this watch was fully wound and it ran without failure, keeping accurate time, for 28 hours 35 minutes.

Test bullets and cartridge cases fired from specimens K1, K2 and K3 and test shotgun shells fired from specimen K4 were compared with all comparable specimens in this Laboratory's National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting any identifications.

The serial numbers of specimens K2 and K3 were searched through the National Stolen Property Index of this Bureau but no prior record of the loss or theft of these weapons was found.

Specimens K1 and K4 do not have serial numbers.

Specimens K1 through K4 functioned normally in every respect when they were test fired in the Laboratory.

By comparisons of contours of the torn edges it was ascertained that four of the five strips of cloth in specimen Q11, the two strips of cloth in Q28 and the three strips comprising Q29 had been torn from the bed sheet, specimen K8.

As a result of similar contour comparisons it was determined that one strip of cloth in Q11, the three strips in Q25, the three pieces of cloth in Q26, the two pieces of cloth in Q27 and a single strip found wrapped in the bed sheet, K8, did not come from K8. These strips were found to be contiguous pieces of another bed sheet and were found to comprise the major portion of one selvage edge and the entire wide or top edge of the sheet.

Human blood which was too limited in amount for grouping tests was found in specimen Q8, on the left sleeve and left shoulder of the jacket, K6, on the left rear portion of the coat, K10, on the left leg of K17 and on the right sleeve of K18.



Preliminary chemical tests for blood were made on a faint reddish smear present on the toe of the right boot of specimen K16 and on minute red stains appearing on the side of the heel of the left boot of K16. The results of these tests were positive, thereby indicating the possible presence of blood on the boots. The amount of material in the stains was too limited, however, for confirmatory blood analyses.

No blood was found in specimen Q9, on K5, K11, K12 and K13. The examination of K5 did not disclose any tissue particles or hairs thereon.

For purposes of record, grouping tests were made on the human blood present on specimens K8 and K19. The blood on K8 was derived from an individual belonging to International Blood Group "O." That on K19 came from a group "B" person.

No seminal stains were found on specimens K19 through K22.

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It was concluded that Charles R. Starkweather, whose known handwriting is designated as K7, prepared the questioned handwriting on Q23 and the handwriting on Q24 except the three pages beginning "Im not.....," "she said care....." and "did she say that." Because of the limited amount of handwriting and unexplained characteristics, a definite conclusion was not reached whether the three pages mentioned above were written by Charles R. Starkweather, K7, or [redacted], K9. Similarities were noted in the known handwriting of [redacted] when compared with the handwriting on the page beginning "Im not....."

In answer to your request for the names of the Laboratory examiners in this case (your letter of March 12, 1968) this is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] conducted the examination for blood, hairs and fibers; Special Agent [redacted] conducted the handwriting examination and Special Agent [redacted] conducted the firearms examination.

The evidence listed above is being returned to your office under separate cover by railway express collect.

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*Charles R. Starkweather*

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Exm 1-30-58 J.W. 1-29-58

the room, then Chuck got  
mad and there was no  
stopping him, he had his  
gun what him cease him  
and [ ] was going  
hunting, well Chuck put  
it and the [ ] came  
and [ ] drop to the  
floor, at that [ ]  
so mad the she had a  
and was going to cut him  
she took the gun from  
chuck's hands, chuck  
stood there saying he was  
sorry he didn't  
do it. i got chuck's gun  
AND STOP [ ]  
KILLING CHUCK, BETTY

D-213578 Q23 DJ

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Apr 1-30-58

J. W. A. 1-29-58

Team was yelling so loud  
I hit her with the gun about  
10 times she would not  
stop chuck had the → ~~gaf~~  
so he was about 10 steps from  
her, he let it go it stop  
some where by her head.  
me and chuck just look  
at then for about 4 HRS.  
then we wrapped them and  
pull them out in the house  
in back.

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[REDACTED] AND EVERYONE  
ELSE WE NOT BELIEVED THIS  
BUT IT'S THE TRUE AND  
I SAY IT BY GOD LIFE  
then me and chuck

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live with each other and  
now day the day the bodies  
were found, we were  
going to kill our selves.

But [redacted] and  
every body would not stay  
a way.

and hate [redacted]  
and [redacted] for what they ~~are~~  
they all ways wanted me  
to stop going with Chuck  
~~show that some kid~~ [redacted]

[redacted] could go with me.  
Chuck and i are sorry  
for what we did, but now  
were going to the end.

i feel sorry for [redacted] to  
have a ask like [redacted]. over

D-273578 Q23 DJ

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Estm 1-30-58

J.W.A. 1-29-58

I and [ ] are sorry for what  
has happen, cause i have  
hurt every body cause of it  
and so has [ ]. but i'm  
saying one thing every  
body that came out there  
was luck i there not  
dead even [ ]

[ ]

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Chuck D

[ ]

~~The~~ people who have died

so far we have kill  
7 persons.

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Exm 1-30-58

JWA 1-24-58

THIS IS FOR THE COPS OR LAW  
MEN WHO FINES US.   
AND I AM WRITING THIS SO  
THAT YOU AND EVERY BODY  
KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPEN  
ON THE DAY 7 DAYS BEFORE  
YOU HAVE SEEN THE BODIES  
OF MY MOM, DAD AND BABY  
SISTER, THEY ARE DEAD BECAUSE  
OF ME AND CHUCK, CHUCK  
CAME DOWN THAT THE DAY  
HAPPY AND FULL OF JOKE'S  
WHEN HE CAME IN MOM  
SAID FOR HIM TO GET OUT AND  
NEVER COME BACK, CHUCK  
LOOK AT HER, "AND SAID WHEN  
AT THAT MY DAD GOT MAD  
AND BEGAN TO HIT HIM AND  
WAS PUSHING HIM ALL OVER

D-273578 Q23 DJ

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when she  
comes stay  
to as you are

3-10-54  
Hd

95-74185 Q31 DJ

~~REDACTED~~

line  
hacer  
eggs  
head  
youngest

How many people  
are here

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did she say  
that

D-273578 Q24 DJ

Q-31

~~move~~  
move and do  
your work as  
you all ways do.

2-3-54  
net

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~~FBI~~

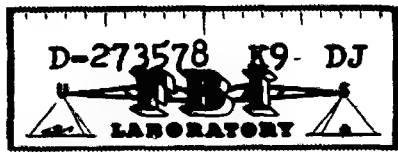
Q-32

~~did~~  
do not run  
there is some one  
out in the car co.

3-10-54  
net

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net

95-74185 Q32 DJ



I hope I am not asking much. I want to go to the fair but was not luck in time. I want you to all understand I loved them very much. Tell every one hello for me. Tell Grandma I am sorry because I could not let her in.

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2. Tell all the kids hello for me

3. Tell the lady [redacted] I am thanking of his he want understand But tell him any way

4. Tell my this is a pearkey out hear and he runs here but does not go away he stay here

5. Tell [redacted] to take care of king for me and maybe I mite give his to her

and father is gone. But please give some  
one Betty's love. I love her like I love Barbara but  
she was my pride and joy. [redacted] you know  
how I felt about Betty Jean. I loved so much  
now she is gone. It was like I was always  
getting in trouble. I am sorry if it has  
degraded your life. But my life it seems  
like my life is over now. I mean my mother-  
sister-father is gone. But every one has been  
so nice to me. I want you all to know. I  
Did not Kill Any One In My Life.

b6  
b7c

D-273578 K9 DJ

I am trying to keep my head up for  
you [redacted] and family.  
STATE OF NEBRASKA  
Lincoln State Hospital  
F. L. SPRADLING, Superintendent  
Lincoln 1, Nebraska

I am trying to keep my head up for you  
[redacted] - have [redacted] to [redacted] then  
when you ride the latter have the people  
then [redacted] and family [redacted] and family  
[redacted] and family [redacted] and  
[redacted] if he is the have him the the ever  
one in the latter the Ride the latter  
First Please, and say hello to ever  
one in and out of the apartment. Thank you  
I love you all [redacted] you know who has helped me

D-273578 K9 DJ

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what way is it  
facing

did that lady that  
called say she  
she was coming  
up.

my girl ~~she~~ said  
she had

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what did she  
say

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2-1-58

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Q-23

for the law only.

J.W.C.  
1-29-58

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Q23 DJ

what is she  
doing

95-74185 Q33 DJ

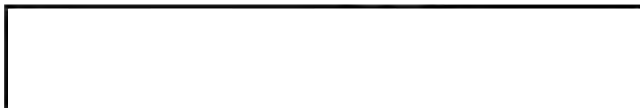


AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

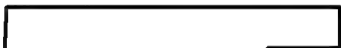

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LINCOLN 1, NEBRASKA

K-9



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Specimen of  handwriting  
Received from  at State Hospital.  
2-5-58 E.A.M.

D-273578 K9 DJ

What time Q-33  
dose she  
come down

2-3-58  
mick

95-74185 Q33 DJ

STATE OF NEBRASKA  
**Lincoln State Hospital**  
F. L. SPRADLING, Superintendent  
Lincoln 1, Nebraska

Dear Family how are all of you getting along I am sorry  
I could not let any of you <sup>the house</sup> in but I hope you all under-  
stand <sup>now</sup> I wish you would do me a but favor for me.  
Betty Jane is going to have a birth Dad this  
month. And I will not be out of here to do  
it. I want to do so would you all do it for  
me. I am asking alot of you. But it means  
a great lot to me. You don't have to do it if you  
don't want to. I would like you all to put some

D-273578 K9 DJ

~~give me~~

she said call back  
at 7:30.

say she will  
call you  
about a  $\frac{1}{2}$  H.R.

D-273578 Q24 DJ

EARL HEFLIN  
SHERIFF OF CONVERSE COUNTY  
DOUGLAS, WYOMING

b6  
b7C

Jan. 30, 1958

Dear

Maybe cause this is from me you will not read it, but if you will, it will do me some good.

i hate me now cause of what i did to the two persons you love, Betty and Betty Jean. But if you think back the day i said, "you'll be hating me, well now you know what i mean. When i said it.

Jan 1-30-58

W.P.D.  
1-30-58

EARL HEFLIN

SHERIFF OF CONVERSE COUNTY

DOUGLAS, WYOMING

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the day they got us, you for us to get out of there, so we got it and now i'm feeling better about it i never did like running not even from the cops. the only thing i was running, for i was try-ing to think of a way i could tell what i did. may be i can see you some time cause writing to you makes me feel like i haven't the guts to tell you. it's kills my insides to think of the way i hurt you.

5-30-58 Edm Check.

W.P.D. 58

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did she say  
she would  
be coming  
or seeing you  
soon.

my girl said she  
heard on the other  
phone that she  
said that

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Q21, n7

we can not leave  
until it gets dark.

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cause every body  
knows us and we  
may be seen

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would it look back  
if the car was where  
my car is now and  
my car is gone

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do you think that  
he may think some  
thing is wrong if i do  
that



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we are going to take  
your car.

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the cops will find it  
about 5 mi. from here

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it will be O.K. . we  
will take good care of  
it.

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do you think it would  
be better to take it out  
now and put my car  
in or ~~wait~~ wait until  
till the man comes  
home.

2-1-58  
27

Edm 2-6-58

D-273578 Q21 D.T.

I'm not with him  
He made me go with  
~~him~~

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D-273578 Q24 DJ

24-57  
9T

BILL OWENS :  
UNDER SHERIFF

ELMER BLOEM  
DEPUTY SHERIFF  
GLENROCK, WYO.

EARL HEFLIN  
SHERIFF OF CONVERSE COUNTY  
DOUGLAS, WYOMING

Jan. 30, 1958

Dear: [REDACTED]

I'm a way i hate to write this or may-  
be you will not read it, but if you will  
i would like to have you read it, it would  
help me a lot.

I'm sorry for what i did in a lot of ways  
cause i know i hurt every body, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] did all you could to raise me up right  
and you all ways help me when i got in bad  
with something But this time i would like you  
not to do any thing to help me out. i hope  
you will under stand, i know [REDACTED]

b6

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[ ] even [ ] that this will take a long time  
before people stop looking at them in a funny way  
so it would make me happy if everybody will go  
on just like any thing didn't happen.

the cops up here have been more than nice to me  
but these damn reporters, the next one that comes in here  
he is going to get a glass of water.

but [ ] i am not real sorry for what i did cause  
for the first time me and [ ] had more fun, she  
helps me a lot, but if she comes back don't hate her  
she had not a thing to do with the killing all we  
wanted to do is get out of town.

tell every body to take care.

○ chuck

P.S. tell [ ] to think of some body besides  
him "he help to cause this"

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b7c



K-7 A

(2)

(Feb. 7, 1958)

(Lincoln, Nebraska)

the line, or what was you?

The sheriff said I couldn't see you at this time so I'm writing to you. I would like to know if you would or would not like to have me write to you. If you don't want me to write, I will not do it.

b6  
b7C

I'm sorry about [redacted] and [redacted], but please believe me I just didn't. I'm sorry I can't tell you. I'm trying to write one letter to you if you want it or not. I'm not going to write it at this time, but when you read it I think that you will understand about a lot of things. I hope you get that seat for what I did, and not life. I'll do more than I can.

like to have ~~the~~ write a good  
want me to write i will not do it.

i'm sorry about [redacted] and [redacted] but  
please believe me i just didn't know i can't  
tell you if i'm going to write one  
letter to you if you want it or not  
i'm not going to write it at this time,  
but when you read it i think  
that you will understand about  
all of things i hope i get the hot  
seat for what i did, and not life  
cause i'll do every thing i can  
to get out of here, one way or  
another i'm going to get it.  
write back if you well. "please"

Chuck

P.S. you know dan well i would  
never shoot you, even if you  
had a gun on me.

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K7

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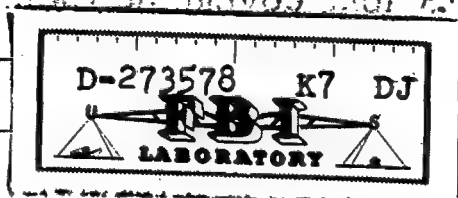
that is if you would want to see  
me?

You never did let me know if  
you hate me. "Well i think i know  
but you could tell me" i would  
like to know something, that is did  
you think that i would have killed  
you when we got to Washington,  
i told you i could not shoot you  
if i had to, besides if i was, i have  
done it a long time ago. and one more  
thing i would like to know, then  
things you were say-ing when  
we were on the road, like when  
i asked you if you hate me, and  
i think you know what the rest of  
them were, was you just giving me

2-19-57  
me

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K-7



Feb. 2, 1958  
Lincoln  
Nebraska

Dear :

How are you? "O.K. i hope"

They said i can not see you  
till they get done talking to you  
so i'm hoping i can see you then  
that is if you would want to see  
me,

b6  
b7C

You never did let me know if  
you hate me. "Well i think i know  
but you could tell me" i would  
like to know something. That is did  
you think that i would have killed

OFFICES OF  
THE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
COURT HOUSE  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

ELMER M. SCHEELE  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
DALE E. FAHRNBURGH  
CHIEF DEPUTY  
2-2733

PAUL DOUGLAS  
DEPUTY  
J. ARTHUR CURTISS  
DEPUTY

April 22, 1958

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: F. B. I. Laboratory

Re: Subjects - Charles R. Starkweather and  
[redacted]  
Victims - Marion Bartlett and Others -  
Murder  
Your File No. PC 52165 FA

Reference: Your Letters Dated March 19, 1958

Dear Sir:

The defendant, Charles R. Starkweather, is  
scheduled to stand trial for the First Degree Murder of  
Robert W. Jensen, said trial to commence in Lancaster  
County District Court on Monday, May 5th, 1958.

It is anticipated that it will be necessary  
to call Special Agent [redacted] to testify as to  
ballistics examinations made in connection with the death  
of Robert Jensen.

It is also necessary that testimony concerning  
the examination of Specimen K-14, the wrist watch belonging  
to Robert Jensen, be presented. We are not clear from  
your letter of March 19th, 1958 as to whether or not  
Special Agent [redacted] is also qualified to  
testify with reference to the wrist watch, Exhibit K-14.  
If not, will you please advise by telegram the name of  
the Agent who is so qualified.

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EX - 123

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SEVEN

EXP. PROC.  
APR 24 1958

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Bu wire  
4/25/58  
Rmy/7cp  
Card made  
4/24/58  
RWF/7cp

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64p

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16  
7426  
JMS

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It is not anticipated that the testimony of your Laboratory experts will be required prior to the second week of the trial. If they for any reason will not be available during that week, will you please advise immediately.

Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elmer M. Scheele".

ELMER M. SCHEELE  
County Attorney

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MR. ELMER M. SCHEBLE  
COUNTY ATTORNEY  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER, SUBJECT, MURDER. YOUR LETTER  
APRIL TWENTYTWO. SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]  
EXAMINED FIREARMS EVIDENCE AND WRIST WATCH. HE HAS  
PRIOR COURT COMMITMENTS ON MAY SIX AND MAY FOURTEEN.  
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USED ON MAY TWELVE, HE MUST BE RELEASED IN TIME TO  
APPEAR BOSTON, MAY FOURTEEN. ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL  
AGENT [REDACTED] TO TESTIFY BASED ON ASSUMPTION NO OTHER  
EXPERT SAME SCIENTIFIC FIELD WILL BE USED BY PROSECUTION.  
ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DATE TESTIMONY WILL BE USED.

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EXT. 15 AND 16

April 29, 1958

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory

Re: Subjects - Charles R. Starkweather and  
[redacted]  
Victims - Marion Bartlett and Others -  
Murder  
Your File No. PC 52165 FA

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Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your telegram dated April 25, 1958 in response to my letter of April 22, 1958 concerning the appearance of [redacted] at the trial of Charles R. Starkweather scheduled to commence May 5, 1958.

In view of the widespread publicity given this case, it is impossible to state with any degree of accuracy exactly how long it will take to draw a jury at the trial. However, I am hoping to be in a position to use Special Agent [redacted] on May 12, 1958. His testimony will not be lengthy and I am certain he could be released in time to appear in Boston on May 14th. However, if there is any unforeseen development which would make it necessary to have him appear on May 16th, we will advise you by telegram or telephonically as soon as possible.

You may rest assured that no other expert in the same scientific field will be called as a witness by the prosecution.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Elmer M. Scheele  
ELMER M. SCHEELE  
County Attorney

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May 2, 1958

Mr. Elmer H. Scheele  
County Attorney of Lancaster County  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Re: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SUBJECTS; MARION BARTLETT AND  
OTHERS, VICTIMS; MURDER

Dear Mr. Scheele:

Reference is made to your letter dated  
April 29, 1958, advising that you anticipate using the  
testimony of Special Agent [REDACTED] at the  
trial of this case on May 12, 1958.

[REDACTED] will arrive in Lincoln,  
Nebraska, via United Air Lines Flight No. 335, at  
5:13 p.m., May 11, 1958. It would be appreciated if  
you will arrange for hotel accommodations for him in  
Lincoln for the night of May 11, 1958.

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[REDACTED] has reservations to depart  
from Lincoln en route to Boston at 11:25 a.m., May 13,  
1958. In the event you will not be able to use his  
testimony on May 12, as anticipated, please advise me  
and I shall have him proceed to Lincoln immediately  
upon his release in Boston.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ MAIL ROOM ☐ on May 14.

NOTE: Addressee previously advised re conditions of testimony  
and advised that [REDACTED] has commitment in Boston

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TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: May 16, 1958

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SUSPECTS; MARION BARTLETT AND  
OTHERS, VICTIMS; MURDER

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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On May 12, 1958, Special Agent [REDACTED] testified at the trial of this case in Lincoln, Nebraska. His testimony was to the effect that two bullets and two cartridge cases recovered in connection with the murder of one of the victims, Robert Jensen, was fired from a .22 caliber rifle taken from Charles R. Starkweather.

When Agent [REDACTED] departed from Lincoln the trial was still in progress, but we will be advised of its disposition upon its completion.

You will recall that this case received considerable publicity the latter part of January when the bodies of the above victims were found in Lincoln, Nebraska. [REDACTED] will probably be tried in an adult court; however, the decision as to whether or not she should be tried as a juvenile has not yet been reached. The evidence strongly suggests that she was an accomplice to the murders rather than a prisoner of Starkweather while these murders were being committed.

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Starkweather's defense was announced as innocent by reason of insanity.

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# Bantam Killer To Die in Chair

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Charles Starkweather, the 19-year-old who went on a homicidal orgy that took 11 lives, was ordered to pay with his own Friday.

A jury of eight women and four men found the redhaired mass killer guilty of the murder of just one of his victims, but that was enough to commit Starkweather to the electric chair.

The former garbage hauler spoke not one word in the courtroom except to whisper what appeared to be "goodbye" to his defense attorney, T. Clement Gaughan, as he was led in handcuffs out of the courtroom.

Reporters stopped him in the corridor as he was being led out on the way to the state penitentiary.

They asked him: "How do you feel, Charlie?"

"I don't think they tried me for Jensen," he said. "They tried me for the whole thing."

## KILLING RAMPAGE

By the "whole thing" he meant the rampage of killing that terrorized this community last January when he and his 14-year-old girl friend, Caril Fugate, left bodies strewn from the slums to the most exclusive residential district of Lincoln.

Attorney Gaughan was asked what he thought of the outcome.

"I presume Charlie got what he wanted," Gaughan said. "That is what he always wanted."

The defense was given 10 days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

Starkweather's execution may be delayed until next fall so that he could testify at the murder trial of Caril Fugate. His confession implicated her in the slaying of her own mother, her baby half-sister, 16-year-old Carol King, Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, and the Wards' maid in the Lauer home.

## CARIL IN HOSPITAL

Caril was being held for safekeeping in a state mental hospital pending a ruling on whether she will be tried in district court on first-degree murder charges or in juvenile court.

Starkweather was found guilty specifically on two counts in the murder and robbery of 17-year-old Robert Jensen, whose body, along with that of the King girl, was found in a storm cave in an abandoned schoolyard.

The girl had been disrobed and

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The Pensacola, Florida Journal  
Sat. morning May 24/1958

# Bantam Killer To Die in Chair

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an attempt had been made to ravish her.

Starkweather looked shaken Friday for the first time during the trial. He wore a green cotton shirt open at the collar and looked sweaty. He didn't have his customary chewing gum and the smirk was gone from his face, although he managed a few wan smiles.

His tiny redhaired mother, was at his side at the defense table when the verdict was announced. Shortly after, she rose and walked hurriedly to the privacy of the judge's chambers.

Charlie's father, Guy, arrived at the courtroom seconds after the jury returned the verdict.

He said that he talked to Charles after the verdict and his son told him:

"I committed some of these crimes and if I want to make my atonement to God and be electrocuted, that's my business."

The 70-year-old Lancaster County courthouse was filled with police. They lined the corridors and the stairs as Charlie was led in a waist chain to the sheriff's car for the trip back to the penitentiary, where he will die.

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EXT. 15 AND 16

October 13, 1958

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory

Re: Subjects - Charles R. Starkweather and  
[redacted]  
Victims - Marion Bartlett and Others -  
Murder  
Your File No. PC 52165 FA

Reference: Your Letters dated March 19, 1958.

Dear Sir:

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The defendant [redacted] is scheduled to  
stand trial for the First Degree Murder of Robert W.  
Jensen in Lancaster County District Court, Lincoln,  
Nebraska, commencing Monday, October 27, 1958.

It is anticipated that it will be necessary to  
call Special Agent [redacted] to testify as to the  
ballistics examinations made in connection with the death  
of Robert W. Jensen.

It is also possible that it will be necessary to  
call Special Agent [redacted] to testify concerning  
the handwriting examination conducted by him.

*Wk. of Nov. 3*  
It is not anticipated that the testimony of your  
Laboratory experts will be required prior to the second  
week of the trial. If for any reason it would not be  
possible for them to appear during that week, will you  
please advise immediately.

We will advise either telephonically or by  
telegram as soon as more definite information is available  
as to the exact time it will be necessary for them to  
appear.

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No other experts in the same scientific  
field will be used by the prosecution.

Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Elmer M. Scheele*

ELMER M. SCHEELE  
County Attorney

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Mr. Elmer M. Scheele  
County Attorney of Lancaster County.  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Re: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND  
[REDACTED] SUBJECTS;  
MARION BARTLETT AND OTHERS,  
VICTIMS; MURDER

Dear Mr. Scheele:

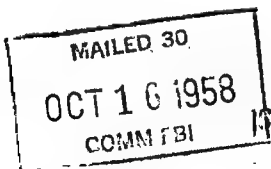
Reference is made to your letter dated  
October 13, 1958, advising that the trial in this  
case will begin October 27, 1958, and that you  
anticipate using the testimony of Special  
Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
during the second week of the trial.

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Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will be  
available the week of November 3 and it will be  
appreciated if you will advise me as far in  
advance as possible the exact date you anticipate  
using their testimony and I shall have them  
present at that time.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
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NOTE: Mr. Scheele advised previously of Bureau  
policy re use of other experts in same  
scientific fields.

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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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[REDACTED] MURDER YOUR FILE 95-74185 NECESSARY

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] APPEAR TO TESTIFY NINE AM  
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[REDACTED] TESTIFY. PLEASE CONFIRM

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TO : D. J. Parsons

DATE: November 3, 1958

FROM :  *W.H.*SUBJECT: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND  
 SUBJECTS;  
MARION BARTLETT AND OTHERS,  
VICTIMS; MURDER

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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Elmer M. Scheele, County Attorney of Lancaster County, Lincoln, Nebraska, telephoned on October 31, 1958, to advise that SA  would be a necessary witness at the trial of  on Monday, November 3. Mr. Scheele stated that SA  would not be needed at this trial.

He was advised that  would arrive in Lincoln via United Air Lines Flight No. 335 at approximately 6:30 p.m., November 2. Hotel reservations will be made for SA .

## ACTION:

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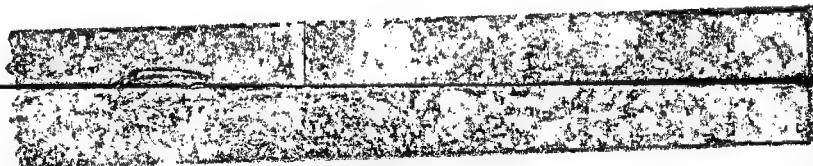
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**EARL HEFLIN**  
**SHERIFF OF CONVERSE COUNTY**  
Douglas, Wyoming

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Mr Guy Starkweather  
3025 N. St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. J. Parsons *APK*

DATE: November 6, 1958

FROM :  *BGE*

SUBJECT: CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER AND  
 SUSPECTS;  
MARION BARTLETT AND OTHERS,  
VICTIMS; MURDER

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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On November 4, 1958, Special Agent  testified at the trial of State of Nebraska vs.  as an aider and abettor to Charles R. Starkweather in the murder of Robert Jensen.

He testified as to the identifications made between bullets and cartridge cases found at the scene of the murder and weapons taken from the possession of Charles Starkweather.

Following his testimony he returned to Washington arriving here on November 5.

You will recall that Charles Starkweather was sentenced to death for the part that he played in these murders.  now maintains through her defense that she was a hostage all the while these murders were being committed and that she at no time had any hand or part in the actual murders.

We will be advised of the outcome of this case upon its completion.

## ACTION:

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